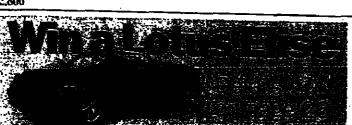


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IN SECTION TWO



# Boxer's death strengthens call for ban

LOUISE JURY and DERRICK WHYTE

Scottish boxer James Murray lost his fight for life yesterday, prompting renewed demands

for the sport to be banned. The British Medical Association said society must decide whether to tolerate the "continuing tragic waste of young lives". Mr Murray, 25, became the third British fighter in a decade to die from injuries sus-

tained in the ring. He underwent surgery in Glasgow's Southern General Hospital on Friday to remove a blood clot, but never regained consciousness.

Drew Docherty, Mr Mur-ray's opponent in the ban-tamweight British title clash in Glasgow - which ended in ugly brawls among spectators - said he and his manager Tommy Gilmour were "shattered".

boxer Bradley Stone and advised the British Boxing Board of Control, will now meet again, was announced.

Peter Richards, a consultant neurosurgeon who chaired the panel, said it delivered recommendations for improving safety to the board only a few weeks ago. He said: "We will consider what happened over the weekend and decide An independent panel, which whether any additions investigated last year's death of made to the report." whether any additions should be

projects for lottery funds. He de-fended its disclosure as in the

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al family to intervene to bring

some sense to the lottery

process. I don't blame Prince

Philip for getting involved. It

Mr Allen says in the letter to

Mr Phillips: "During the Prime

Minister's visit to Balmoral

over the weekend, the Duke of

Edinburgh spoke to me about

"He and Terry Lewin were

both considerably upset by the

way the National Heritage

Memorial Fund had treated

the National Maritime Muse-

um's application. Sir Robert Fel-

the Neptune Hall project.

should not need to happen."

the National Lottery.

public interest

cluded replacing pre-title fight CTC brain scans with the more sophisticated magnetic reso-nance imaging (MRI) scans; pre-match checks that boxers are not dehydrated to meet the weight requirements; and reviewing the number and

intervals between them. The board's chief medical officer, Adrian Whiteson, who also sits on the panel, said he ex-

length of rounds, as well as the

pected to publish new guidelines within a month, although it was impossible to make the sport "100 per cent safe".

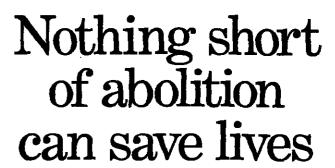
The Liberal Democrats' sport spokesman, Menzies Campbell, called for a Royal Commission inquiry, and added: "The tragic death of this fine young man makes it increasingly difficult to justify boxing.

Margaret and Kenny Murray were at their son's bedside

left yesterday morning, shortly after surgeon Garth Cruick-

shank pronounced him dead. Strathclyde police are investigating the violence which marred the end of the dinner and fight at the Hospitality Inn. Paramedics had to push their way through brawling spectators to reach the colapsed fighter.

Boxing han demands, page 3 Leading article, page 20



Professional boxing is so rough and dangerous that even those of us who think it the most basic and natural and thrilling of athletic competitions - and at its best an art form - are obliged to respect the argument that it is a vicious business that should be legislated out of existence.

A personal view is that the sport will terminate naturally from want of participants, an audience and consequently critical television funding, but people who honestly believe boxing to be a blight on society have every right to cite the awful fate that befell Jim Murray on Friday night in support of their position.

The riot that broke out at the Hospitality Inn, Glasgow, making it difficult for paramedics to reach the stricken Murray is horrible in the imagination but is a separate issue.

Because, by all accounts, speedier attention would not have saved Murray from becoming yet another tragic statistic and medical safeguards demanded by the British Boxing Board are put forward as an example internationally, it is difficult to see how the sport can be made safer.

In any case, professional fighters are realists who recognise boxing for the harsh business it is, and accept the stern code which demands that a is able to stay on his feet. "We all know that boxing is a life-threatening thing," Frank Bruno has said. Perhaps if aspirants were informed vividly of the mental debilitation evident in many former champions as the result of taking heavy blows to the head, they might think twice about submitting themselves to the perils that brought about Murray's death in just his 25th year.

take on board the possible crip-tion.



pling side effects of stimulants. Ambition overwhelms every other consideration.

The novelist Joyce Carol Oates wrote: "Boxers are there to establish an absolute experience, a public accounting of the outermost limits of their beings; they will know, as few of us can know of ourselves, what physical and psychic power they possess of how much, or how little, they are capable."

Fifteen years ago next month, the Welsh bantamweight Johnny Owen died six weeks after slipping into a coma when challenging Lupe Pintor, of Mexi-co, for the WBC championship. Yesterday, Owen's father, Dick, kept the newspapers away from his wife. "The memory is still painful," he said. "Boxing was Johnny's life but it took him from us. I feel terribly sad for Murray's family." Michael Watson, who collapsed against Chris Eubank, probably as the result of cumulative damage sustained in hard middleweight contests, remains in a wheelchair. Gerald McClellan, who was rushed to hospital after losing a brutal bout against Nigel Benn in London earlier this year, can hardly see or speak On their way into the Peacock gymnasium, in east London.

As most serious injuries appear to be sustained when the fighter is exhausted and perhaps dehydrated, a further reduction in the maximum distance (presently 12 rounds) and longer intervals between sessions has been suggested as a means of making the sport less They are no more persuaded by history (Murray is the 11th boxer to suffer a brain injury in a British ring since 1986) than track and field athletes are to tr

young boxers pass a memorial to the ill-fated Bradley Stone.

# Prince wades into battle for lottery cash

## Duke of Edinburgh lobbies Major

Chief Political Correspondent

The Duke of Edinburgh has stepped into the controversy over the way money is being spent from the National Lottery fund by appealing to the Prime

Minister to intervene. Prime Minister when John Major spent a weekend with the Queen at Balmoral to reverse a decision by the National Heritage Memorial Fund not to back one of his pet projects, the expansion of the National Mar-

itime Museum, in Greenwich.

A leaked letter from the Prime Minister's private office reveals that Prince Philip and the chairman of the museum's trustees. Lord Lewin, the former First Sea Lord and Chief of Defence Staff, were "considerably upset" at the way the National Heritage Memorial Fund rejected the museum's application for millions of pounds from the lottery for the Neptune Hall project.

The leak will provoke a fresh row about the way lottery monis being allocated by the NHMF, which was savagely

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The letter that sparked the latest lottery grants row

criticised for paying around £10m to the Tory MP Winston Churchill for the Churchill papers and £52m to the Royal Opera House.

Prince Philip raised the issue with Alex Allen, the Prime and by appealing to the Prime Minister's principal private secfrom the Royal family to do
from the Royal family secretary at the Department of National Heritage.

The fact that Mr Major authorised his private secretary to ask the heritage department to investigate shows he is con-cerned and may feel that Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary should act. The Queen's private secre-

tary, Sir Robert Fellowes, warned in an attached memorandum for Mr Major that the Neptune Hall project - part of a scheme to turn the Greenwich site into a world millennium centre - could be threatened by the NHMF's rejection. Mr Allen's letter on Down-

ing Street notepaper carries a 'restricted" security code, but was leaked to Chris Smith,

Labour's spokesman on heritage affairs, and passed to the Independent. Mr Smith said the

lowes subsequently gave me the attached note, which the Duke of Edinburgh has seen. I should be most grateful for your comments and advice." Sir Robert accuses the fund of basing its decision on reports which showed "ignorance". He NATIONAL MARITURE MUSEUM dismisses one of the reports on access for the disabled as "a

vaste of time and money". The leak will also intensify the row over the Government's olans to privatise the adjoining Royal Naval College at Greenwich, which has also upset members of the Royal family. Catalogue of failure, page 2



spring and summer in Paris yesterday

# Portillo sticks to his guns over conference tirade

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

way the Nath

Michael Portillo, the Defence

Secretary, yesterday defiantly refused to tone down his attacks on Brussels, in spite of growing unrest by left-wing Tory MPs and fresh criticism by Jacques Santer, president of the European Commission.

The Positive European group

of Tory MPs led by Hugh Dykes will meet Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, tomorrow in attempt to persuade the Government to repair the damage done by Mr Portillo at last week's Tory party conference. The Macleod Group of Tory

MPs are also concerned at the right-wing agenda set out by Mr Portillo and other Cabinet colleagues to the conference, and

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peared to applaud Mr Por-tillo's speech, but he has to set the tone."

Mr Portillo made it clear yesterday that he would not be silenced by pressure from within the party. "I don't regret any of the language I have used ...

may call for a meeting with John
Major. Its leader, Peter TempleMorris, said: "It's now a matter
for the Prime Minister. He apsuperstate where very important decisions are taken by the council of ministers or by the commission," he said on BBC

> Mr Santer appearing simultaneously on LWT stood by his condemnation of the speech as

"grotesque". He denied there were plans to create a United States of Europe, but added: Britain is at heart of Europe. It has to give us something from its own identity. I think Britain has to give an input, a strong in-put in the EU and I hope that in the inter-governmental conference we would overcome all the difficulties and we can reach

some compromises."

Defence chiefs were also pri vately appalled by Mr Portillo's use of the SAS in his speech to emphasise his Euro-sceptic convictions. Despite the conference rhetoric, the Government is planning to go along with the European Court of Human Rights judgment against the SAS by paying the £38,000 costs for the families of the three IRA terrorists killed in Gibraltar.

## COMMENT

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Page 18 rity zone. Page 8 Western Samoa defeated Wales beat Western Samoa 22-10. and will meet England in the first semi-final of the rugby league World Cup on Saturday, Australia meet New Zealand in the second semi-final on Sunday. Page 32 | er died.

cards. Hargreaves trek to K2
The husband of mountaineer Alison Hargreaves has taken their children on a 10-day trek in the Himalayas to show them where their moth-

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library book. Weather: It will be wet and windy in Scotland and Northern Ireland. Most of England and Wales will be dry with wind and rain edging in from the west later. Section Two, page 26

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following an operation to am-

putate his right hand after he was found at the bottom of a

50ft ventilation shaft on the ship.

An air rescue search was

launched on Saturday night af-

ter Simon Ashby, 25, from Canterbury, Kent, disappeared on the Stena-Sealink ferry Fiesta en

route from Calais to Dover. He

was found at midday yesterday

by engineers alerted to a

Police plan to question Mr Ashby to find out how he got

into the shaft, which the ferry

jammed fan in the shaft.

Man in ferry shaft accident loses hand A cross-Channel ferry passenger missing for 18 hours was sta-ble in hospital last night

# Clarke's tax-cutting splits the Cabinet

Chief Political Correspondent

The Chancellor is facing a Cabinet split this week over his efforts to cut spending to make way for tax cuts in the Novem-

ber Budget. Kenneth Clarke will chair a meeting of the EDX Cabinet committee this week in an attempt to resolve the spending row with the secretaries of state for health, education and social security, who are still to settle their budgets.

Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, is wately challenging the tax-cutting strategy to ensure it does not damage public services. She yesterday made it clear she wanted the Cabinet to reach a collective decision.

Speaking on BBC1's Breakfast With Frost programme, she said: "At the moment, what we are doing across government is arriving at collective decisions about the balance between public spending and the needs of the economy.

cuts. You can imagine there is a vigorous debate. There always is. It is particularly vigorous this year because the whole issue is

given a very high profile."
Paddy Ashdown yesterday raised the stakes in the political row over the future of Britain's schools by writing to every Tory backbencher urging them to put education before tax cuts.

The Prime Minister gave Mrs Shephard his clear backing by warning: "Don't mess with

"This obviously includes tax Gill." But he warned Tory supporters at last week's Conservative Party conference that the Government would be "ruthless" with spending priorities. That was seen as a signal that some unpopular decisions will be announced in the Budget in

November. The Chancellor, who warned the party that it could lead to policy changes, has summoned his Treasury team to a meeting on Friday at his country residence, Dorneywood, to thrash out the Budget strategy. He is

seeking cuts of £300m more by Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State fro Health, and is demanding deeper cuts by the Secretary of State for Social

Security, Peter Lilley. Mr Lilley omitted mention of lone parents from his speech. But ministerial sources confirmed that a cut in new claimants for the lone parent's allowance will be announced in the Budget.

He promised to curb fraud as a further attempt to save moncy, but a further squeeze on wel-

fare spending has been ordered by the Treasury.

There were strong rumours at the Tory conference that the Treasury axe could fall on defence, in spite of a promise by the Prime Minister to last year's conference that the big changes to defence were at an end. Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, will be under pressure today, as a Commons debate on defence starts, to give renewed assurances that his budget is not being plun-

The Cabinet minister for public service. Roger Freeman, will announce a fresh round of cuts to reduce the cost of government. But the Secretary of State for Transport, Sir George Young, has had to bear the brunt of the cuts. The roads programme is one of the principal victims and major schemes, including the Newbury by-pass, are likely to be shelved.

Tories on the left wing of the party are alarmed at the threat to services. Said one MP: "We cannot afford tax cuts."

#### company says is sealed. Vitamin price war

The supermarket chain Asda is to cut the price of vitamins and supplements by up to 20 per cent in a challenge to a 25-year ruling which allows prices on health products to be fixed by manufacturers. Small pharmacies fear the move could drive them out of business

#### Boy dies in blaze

A two-year-old boy died when fire swept a terrace house in Belvedere, south-east London. The body of Stephen Lacklen was found in a bedroom. His mother and two brothers, aged six and four, suffered shock.

#### Beattie back in jail

The convicted killer George Beattie was in custody last night for the fourth time since his conviction in 1973 of the murder of a typist found stabbed to death in Lanarkshire. Beattie, 41, who maintains his innocence, has had his parole revoked and been "recalled to custody", the Scottish Office said.

#### £2m fake cash haul

Six men were being questioned by police after equipment for the production of more than £2m of counterfeit money was seized from a printing company in Stratford, east London.

#### **Woman shot**

A 21-year-old woman was recovering after being found with gunshot and stab wounds after leeing from a flat in Holloway. north London. Police want to trace two men seen running from the scene.

#### Child, two, trampled

A two-year-old boy suffered head injuries when he was trampled by a horse at a farm park near Minehead, Somerset. The designers. The third report on child, who has not been named, was airlifted to Frenchay hospital, in Bristol.

## Sword attack

A 26-year-old man was being held after another man was badly hurt when he was attacked Devon.

## Party royal

The Queen will be guest of honour at former Prime Minister Baroness Thatcher's 70th birthday party celebration today at Claridges, in London.

## Dog's good credit

The credit card firm American Express sent a postal invite to join its "select" membership to a dog. King Alfred, an alsatian owned by publican Peter Stock-ton, of Winchester, Hampshire, is chewing on the idea.

## Murder charge

A 35-year-old man will appear in court today charged with the murder of an 18-year-old stu-dent found stabbed in a house in Salford, Greater Manchester.

## Five win lottery

Five winners will share Saturday's Lottery jackpot of £9.4m. each receiving £1,891,543. The winning numbers were 5, 4, 9, 25, 30 and 47 with the bonus 17.

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## Maritime museum crisis: A multi-million pound project could be scrapped without National Lottery Memorial Fund backing

## Leaked memo attacks funding delay

**COLIN BROWN** 

Chief Political Correspondent

A "catalogue of incompetence" in the allocation of money by the National Lottery Memorial Fund is revealed in a leaked memorandum by Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, Chris Smith, the Labour Party's National Heritage spokesman, said yesterday.

Sir Robert's five-page mem-orandum to the Prime Minister's Office says the refusal of the National Lottery Memorial Fund to approve the project to develop the National Maritime Museum's Neptune Hall at Greenwich in south-east London, which presently houses a steam tug, launches, and yachts, could force the museum to abandon the plans, unless action is taken quickly.

The museum had planned to complete the scheme – a key part of its multi-million-pound development of the site - by 1999 in time for the Millennium when the National Maritime Museum has "an unprecedented opportunity" to display and promote its galleries and services to 10 million visitors who are expected to visit Greenwich.

A total of £560,000 already has been spent on the project. which "is already behind schedule and any further delay cannot be contemplated as it would building site with half its galleries closed during the Millennium celebrations, Sir Robert says, adding: "Any further delay in funding decisions will almost certainly lead to can-

cellation of the project." It follows the development of the Queen's House at a cost of of Britain's great architectural £6m; the south-west wing, costing £3.6m; the Old Royal Observatory at a cost of £2.2m; the east wing, at a cost of £1m; and at a cost of £4m the west-central wing as an information centre; the west wing, north end, at Camberley, Surrey, bringing

**JOJO MOYES** 

The main speaker at Britain's

biggest black power rally to date,

due to take place today, has expressed concern over plans to

hold it at Broadwater Farm

estate, the scene of the riots in

Tottenham, north London, 10

women are expected to gather

for today's show of political

strength, timed to coincide with

the Million Man black march in

Organised as a recruitment

drive by the Nation of Islam, it

tenham riots in which Constable

suaded by the radical black or-

ganisation to speak at the rally.

But vesterday he expressed

doubts about the decision to hold

it in the racially sensitive area.

Keith Blakelock was killed.

Washington, United States.



Millennium project: Development plans for the National Maritime Museum (to the left) could be abandoned without the necessary funding approval

as an education centre, and the west-central wing south end.

Controversial plans to sell the

Royal Naval College at Green-

wich in south-east London - one

treasures - have hit a major ob-

stacle, it was disclosed yester-

forced to review plans to form

Grant voices concern

over riot estate rally

he said. "Last week I was there

with community leaders and we

were talking about the unity of

4 Sunday programme. Mr Grant

said that the Nation of Islam

on". However, he said it was

"very important" that he attend what is billed as the biggest

protest march since the Sixties to

engage them in dialogue.
"If I don't go along, and give

free range to the Nation of Is-

not doing my job." he said. The militant Islamic group

Louis Farrakhan is said to have

described Jews and other eth-

nic groups as "bloodsuckers".

of racism and anti-semitism.

Mr Farrakhan denies charges

Speaking on yesterday's Radio

the Farm.

ottenham, north London. 10 addressed young unemployed black people, so "of course this is fertile ground for them to work

will be held at the site of the Tot- lam in my constituency, then I'm

Bernic Grant, the Labour has already sparked outrage in MP for Tottenham, has been per-the US where the black leader

"If it were my rally I wouldn't but yesterday the Board of

a single tri-service staff college

Defence chiefs have been

Sir Robert says the Neptune Hall scheme was "essential for the improvement of access and circulation". It had been approved by English Heritage; had listed buildings consent by the Heritage Lottery Fund was Greenwich council; clearance from the Treasury's economic made in January. It was thought

tion from the Government's private funding initiative, normally requiring all big capital projects to seek private money. and outline approval by the Department of National Heritage. Application for a grant from

RAF together under one roof

Detailed studies into the cost

of refurbishing the existing Army Staff College have dis-

closed that "tens of millions of

pounds" will be needed to car-

the group of trying to gain

"cheap political capital".

Spokesman Mike Whine condemned the decision to hold

the British march on Broad-

water Farm. "It's a fairly cyni-

cal manoeuvre to have it there

at the site of one of the worst

places of black and white vio-

Britain by Wayne X, 36, of

London, a self-employed graph-

ic artist, who preaches the gospel of black self-help. Sup-

paper, the Final Call.

The cost is substantially more

because of huge costs.

ry out the work.

that it would be approved by the · National Heritage Memorial Fund without delay, but in July it was rejected. The memorial fund based its decision on four reports, but Sir Robert says that in the view of the museum's trustees, "these reports are superficial and in some cases ig-

next century.

The architects for the scheme, Building Design Partnership, were dismissed in a report on the architecture of the project as having "special expertise for large scale commercial complexes, regional shopping centres and transport buildings..." But it failed to mention that BDP were the ar-

chitects for the refurbishment of the Round Tower, Windsor Castle, the Royal Albert Hall, and the Royal Opera House. Sir Robert says this "undermines

the credibility of the report".

A second report on the interior was largely complimenta-

ry, but the author raised issues made no contact with the muwhich were already being ad-MoD reviews plans to merge defence staff training

> Defence is still determined to try and put all three staff colleges together.
> The problem is you have to

spend to save and at the moment the MoD is faced with costs they don't want to face,"

#### was likely to be rejected and have not any stage been in-formed in writing of the nature the Army, Royal Navy and raising fears that savings might can be made. And there are Camberley is simply not cost-efgrave doubts whether the 1997 fective. not be seen until well into the adline for forming the tri-ser-However, the Ministry of vice college can now be met. "Everything is being consid-There is a lot of teeth-suck-

ered - from constructing a new building from scratch to using another existing building," said another official.

"There is a body of opinion which argues that refurbishing

## than predicted in initial studies, to see whether greater savings Skye bridge is opened by Forsyth

The Isle of Skye loses its romantic island status today when the Secretary of State for Scotland, Michael Forsyth, opens the £30m bridge connecting it

ing going on about the scale of

the costs involved in the refur-

bishment of Camberley," said a

ley are now under consideration

Alternative sites to Camber-

senior defence source.

to the mainland. Mr Forsyth is sharing the ribbon-cutting ceremony with children from the local Loch Duich primary school.

The project has been dogged lence in Britain ever," he said. He said the board would be by controversy - and only partmonitoring the rally for signs of anti-semitism. "If the British because it renders redundant the musical image of Skye as a place accessible only by bonny boats speeding over the sea "like group follows the lead of the Americans we will certainly a bird on the wing". Conservationists voiced fears have our concerns," he added. The Nation of Islam is led in

for its effect on wildlife, and islanders complained about the toll charges, which are £5.20 for a car in high season. The 570-metre bridge was

porters, wearing bow ties and dark suits can be regularly spot-ted around London, selling built mainly with private money, with the construction firms copies of the movement's newsrecouping the outlay from toll charges before handing the Million Man March, page 17 bridge into public ownership Leading article, page 20 next century.

## Secret of a long life: eat, drink and be merry

STEVE CONNOR Science Correspondent

Be a couch potato for the evening, indulge in a bar of chocolate every now and again, fear not that extra glass of wine. Scientists have discovered that a little of what you fan-

cy really does do you good. The health conscious, workout world of the 1990s could in fact be doing more damage to people because of the guilt it in-stills in those who seek a modicum of physical pleasure through eating, drinking or just lolling about.

Research into the "pleasure pathways" of the brain has found that happy people are healthier and live longer, even if they do not always follow the advice of the diet planners and fitness freaks.

Professor David Warburton, director of the Human Psychopharmacology Group at Reading University, said de-

priving people of simple plea-sures by making them feel guilty helps to create the psychological climate in which depression

Professor Warburton said research into anti-anxiety drugs and anti-depressants has shown that a cup of coffee, a glass of wine, a cigarette, some sugar or a few pieces of chocolate make people calmer, more relaxed and generally happier.
"This is not surprising be-

can flourish.

cause these products have a mild pharmacological action on the pleasure pathways in the brain. "It is known that the same

pathways are common for all pleasures from food to music, because pleasure in all activities is lost by people with depres-

Depressed people, he says, are more likely to become ill from disorders ranging from infections to heart disease and cancer, "while medical evidence

shows that happier people live longer". Even physical exer-cise may not necessarily be a good thing if people do not find it pleasurable, he said. "If you don't enjoy your jogging, it's not going to be good for you." Professor Warburton said

dressed and made no attempt

to contact the museum or the

environmental services "exhib-

ited ignorance of design details'

and its author failed to contact

the museum. The author of a

fourth report on disabled access

seum and failed to note that the

abled persons liaison officer. Sir Robert says: "The trustees

of the NMM have been given

no inkling that their application

of the NHMF reservations. The

trustees have spent four years

and over half a million pounds

developing this scheme and are satisfied that it best meets the

primary objective of improving

access to and circulation with-

in the museum while enhancing

the historic buildings."

that the largest survey of office workers in the world - covering 16 countries and more than 5,000 employees - showed that a sizeable minority are under such stress they do not want to do their job. Making the workplace more

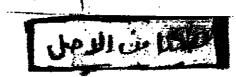
enjoyable by encouraging coffee breaks and chatting rather than frowning on such "timewasting" activities will not only make employees happier, but it will also increase productivity, Professor Warburton said.

People should not be made to feel guilty and anxious, if their pleasures are enjoyed in moderation and are not harming others. Such negative emotions are bad for health."

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# Boxing in the dock after tragedy in ring

DERRICK WHYTE

Jim Murray always wanted to be a boxing champion, but on Friday night he collapsed in round 12 of a British title fight and yesterday morning at 8.50 he was declared dead.

During his ferocious encounter with Drew Docherty, Murray's stamina and determination appeared to be suffi-cient for him to secure the British bantamweight title in Glasgow. However, he faded during the last three rounds and collapsed with just 34 seconds

Now boxing will have to answer some serious accusations; not just about Murray's death but also about the mindless violence that took place inside the banqueting suite at the Hospitality Inn just seconds after Murray was counted out.

It is impossible to point the finger of blame at anybody for what happened on Friday night outside the ring or for a young man's death yesterday morning at the drab hospital in the Govan district of Glasgow. However, the public will want answers and the British Medical Association, and other critics of the brutal sport, will seek once again to ban it. Boxing must prepare itself for a confrontation

during the weeks ahead. Murray's manager, Alex Morrison, left the hospital in tears yesterday, but in reality he had started to mourn 24 hours carlier. "The doctors were brutal and held nothing back from the family," he said early on Saturday morning. "It was obvious there was no hope, but Jim's parents are determined people and they kept on praying." Yesterday his grief was complete. "I feel guilty but Jimmy wanted to light," he said. His former trainers confirmed Murray's dedication to his chosen pro-

On Friday as the bloody and exciting rounds passed there was

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outcome. For Murray to have survived the fight would have to have ended in round six because it is probable that by then a vein inside his skull had already started to leak the blood which later formed a clot which in turn caused pressure on the skull

which led to his collapse.

Earlier this year, American boxer Gerald McClellan collapsed in his world title fight against Nigel Benn. The Board's safety measures were in place and McClellan was re-



Gerald McClellan: Slumped in comer after Benn fight

suscitated in the ring and taken to hospital where a massive clot was removed from the surface of his brain. He is still alive but is in need of constant care.

On Friday, when Murray went down his body was twitching but it was still possible that he was suffering merely from dehydration. The severity of his injury only became apparent when he arrived at the hospital and was transferred from casualty to the neurological unit where he underwent the twohour operation.

"By late yesterday [Saturall signs of nem activity were extinct. We performed a set of criteria then to establish whether that was the case. I again carried out a set

nothing that could have pre-vented the fight's disastrous morning [Sunday] and promorning [Sunday] and pro-nounced Mr Murray dead at 8.50," said consultant neuro surgeon Garth Cruickshank, the man who performed the op-

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Late last night Docherty was said to be inconsolable and is now considering his future. Before the fight the pair had shown no animosity towards each other. It was a straightforward British title fight be-tween two boxers, neither of whom had made that much money from the sport, to de-termine who was the best bantamweight in Britain.

In the Newmains area on the outskirts of Glasgow many were still shocked by the death of Murray. It is a run-down, tough area and according to Murray's first boxing coach, Ally Gilmour, the boxer used the sport to "get himself off the streets".

As the rounds passed on Friday night and Murray looked set for victory it looked like he had achieved his goal. With it there was the possibility of a European or even a world title fight next year to look forward to. "Jim was very confident and he was really looking forward to winning the title, defending it a few times and then looking for some big money fights," said

Now the British Boxing Board of Control will once again consult with the neurosurgeons on their Neurological Advisory Panel to see if anything can be learned from Murray's

Nicky Piper, the chairman of the Professional Boxers Association, called for renewed and improved neurological exami-nations before fights. "Boxers have to have the expensive but crucial MRI scan," he said.

monitoring and MRIs have to be introduced for all boxers," Warren said.



the London promoter Frank The parents of Jim Murray, Kenny and Margaret, leaving Glasgow General Hospital yesterday after the boxer was pronounced dead Photograph: Gartan Cotton

# Warren adds voice of doubt to ban debate

**LOUISE JURY** 

The shocked voice of leading boxing promoter Frank Warren was a rare new addition in the well-rehearsed chorus of condemnation for the sport yes-

As the British Medical Association and British Safety Council joined forces to repeat demands for boxing to be banned, Mr Warren conceded the tragedy made boxing hard to defend. "It is very difficult to justify it when you see terrible injuries like those and the damage it does to the families," he

For those who have protested for years, another death prompted anguished exasperation that the sport is still legal, but hope the tragedy might finally produce action.

Dr Vivienne Nathanson, the British Medical Association's head of policy, said it was not possible to make the sport safer as long as the head was the fight-er's target. The blows damage the soft tissue of the brain and the twisting movement produced microscopic tears which bleed and, long-term, cause symptoms like those in Parkinson's Disease.

"It's a different danger from other sports. In other sports, you risk yourself rather than other people," Dr Nathanson said. "In boxing, there might not always be a death, but there is always damage. Being hit by Frank Bruno is like being hit by

People need to be aware that when they watch this they are seeing the boxers being

a sledge hammer.

permanently damaged."

Ideally, fights should not be broadcast at all, she said, which would cut their money-making potential and, consequently, the spur to young boxers. "With something that has such appalling consequences, is it reasonable to televise it and call it

James Tye, director general of the British Safety Council, said measures to improve safety should be implemented im-

mediately. "The British Boxing Board of Control and individual promoters always say these things are going to cost too much money, but out of the huge sums of money made by promoters it would be a piddling

Sam Galbraith, consultant neurosurgeon and Labour MP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden, called for an urgent programme of research into brain damage caused by professional boxing. He is to raise the matter in the House of Commons.

"If we cannot get it banned, the least we are entitled to demand is research which will lead to inescapable conclusions which nobody will be able to hide from," he said.

But former boxing champion Barry McGuigan, the president of the Professional Boxers' As-sociation, said that, statistically, boxing produced fewer serious injuries than other sports. "It's worrying that despite the fact we have taken a number of precautionary mea-sures this sort of thing still happens. But I think the bottom line is we can never make boxing totally safe."

Tom Pendry, Labour's sports spokesman and a British Board of Boxing Control steward, said if the sport was banned, it would continue underground without controls. And Tory MP Harry Greenway, vice-chairman of the all-party Parliamentary Friends of Boxing, said it would be wrong to ban the sport in the "heat of the moment".

A 1993 report for the British Medical Association found that, worldwide, more than 360 boxers had been killed since 1945. Doctors say persistent neuro-logical damage – the "punch drunk" syndrome – affects a fifth of older boxers.

Sky television, which had its highest viewing figure ever for Frank Bruno's title fight last month, refused to respond to casters. A BBC spokeswoman said they now showed relatively little boxing, but people did still want to watch it.





Girls with purpose: Left, a Brownie and a Guide at Westminster Abbey in 1982 meeting Lady Baden-Powell, who with her brother founded the movement in 1910. Right, Brownies show off their new uniforms adopted in 1990

## and JOJO MOYES

The Girl Guide movement, bastion of clean-living young womanhood, is facing a crisis because women cannot spare the time to be Brown Owls or Guide leaders.

The Guide Association said yesterday that "lots" of girls were on waiting lists to join their local groups, but were being turned away because there was no one to lead them.
One of the problems is so-

cial change," said the associa-tion's spokeswoman Jackie Bennett Shaw. "Many young women have to juggle family and their career - that leaves little time for voluntary activities. Social pressures on women are making it increasingly difficult to recruit leaders and that means we can't expand the

work programme. We find that the demand from girls far exceeds the number of leaders we have."

## Guides face crisis of vanishing **Brown Owls**

fear of attracting the wrong type of person. "Advertising, we find from practical experience, is not particularly beneficial. The most effective way of recruiting is by personal referral and contacts. It is a youth organisation, it is a very responsible position, so you have to be very careful who you take."

One group facing a crisis is the 4th Littleport Brownies in Cambridgeshire, which has 20 girls in search of a new leader ust a few weeks after it began.
Elaine Ellis, 42, who runs a Baker has seen a low turnout of iust a few weeks after it began.

But she said they did not like neighbouring group, said: advertising for new leaders for "What tends to happen at the moment is we rely on the goodwill of one or two individuals who struggle from year to year. You kind of rock from one cri-

sis to another," she added. National membership has fallen by 64,000 in the last 12 years. In 1983 there were about 814,000 Guides and Brownies - adults and girls. Now there are 750,000. Church leaders said yesterday that the movement faced in-

single-sex uniformed organisation is often seen as quaint and old-fashioned. However, it insists it is moving with the times. Pauline Ashton, executive director of the Girl Guides'

Scottish organisation, said yesterday: "In Scotland, Guides are the largest youth organisation and we are still quite a force to be reckoned with. The girls and young women get a lot of personal development and the opportunity to do lots of interesting things - and that goes for

Guides for the last decade at his

parish of Shinfield, in Berkshire.

and joining an organisation that is uniformed and to which

you have to go every week is very different from a lot of free-

doms young people enjoy these days. We live in an age where young people find commitment difficult," he said.

And in the age of shopping

malls and computer games, the

There are many pressures in

# creasing competition from oth-Five Britons killed in lorry crash

head-on crash with an articulated lorry in Swaziland, south-

The five - Dr Jackie Ford, Dr Catherine Hulme, Lucy Tring-ham, Deborah Townsend and David Whittaker all worked at a hospital in the South African province of Natal near the boxder with Swaziland, said a Foreign Office spokesman. He added: "They were on some sort of medical attachment to belp out the hospital."

Dr Ford is from Hemel Hempstead; Ms Tringham and Ms Townsend are students at Bristol University, Mr Whittaker is a student at University

College Hospital, London; and Dr Hulme had just qualified from Birmingham University. The group was heading for a weekend break in Swaziland

when the accident happened on Friday evening. According to reports in the Mercury, a Durban-based newspaper, Mr Whittaker had arrived in South Africa on the day

of the crash, and the other two students had been in the country for only two weeks. Dr Ford had been working at the 230-bed Bethesda rural community hospital in the small town of Ubombo for some time. Dr Hulme joined her

there six weeks ago.

The crash happened near the town of Lavimisa, Swaziland, on Friday evening, when a lorry went out of control, the newspaper said. Because the crash was in such a remote location, police did not reach the scene until the early hours of Saturday.

Hospital superintendent Dr

Jonathan Pons said staff were "in shock" over the tragedy. He added that hospitals such as his depended on "young and selfless" doctors and medical staff from overseas: "As rural hospitals we battle to attract South African doctors because of the poor service conditions, so

ly-qualified doctors from other countries, especially Britain." hospital, added: "It was to have been a lovely break for them, I

can't believe it's ended in such

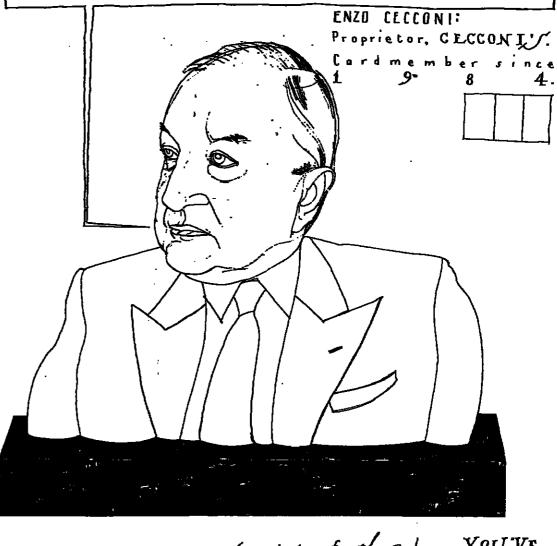
tragedy. The atmosphere here

is very sombre. We are all walk-

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For 10 days, Jim Ballard accompanied by his two young children, Tom, seven, and Kate four, had trekked up into the Karakoram range in the Himalayas for a glimpse of the K2 peak where the children's mothers. er, Britain's most famous female climber, Alison Hargreaves,

fell to her death.
"I had to fulfil a promise to
Tom that I'd show him and his sister, Kate, their mummy's last mountain. We did it," he told the Independent on return to Skardu, the final outpost in the Pakistan Himalayas for mountaineering expeditions.

Experts in Britain had warned Mr Ballard, 49, not to drag his children along to K2, which after Everest is the sec-ond highest peak in the world. When they set off on this odyssey, Mr Ballard was attacked in the media as being addled by grief or, worse, driven to risk his children's lives for publicity, to cash in on lucrative book and television deals.

The usual trek to K2 crosses glaciers with traps of unseen crevices, fields of boulders as immense as a city and treacherous rapids. In the wrong season, Mr Ballard was cautioned, the approach can be nearly as hazardous as the mighty mountain itself. It is now thought that Ms Hargreaves, 33, and six other climbers on the 13 August summit ascent were probably swept into oblivion by a maelstrom of a 260-mile-per-hour wind which struck them on Abruzzi Ridge just below the 28,251ft (8,570m) peak. "There's a thin line between

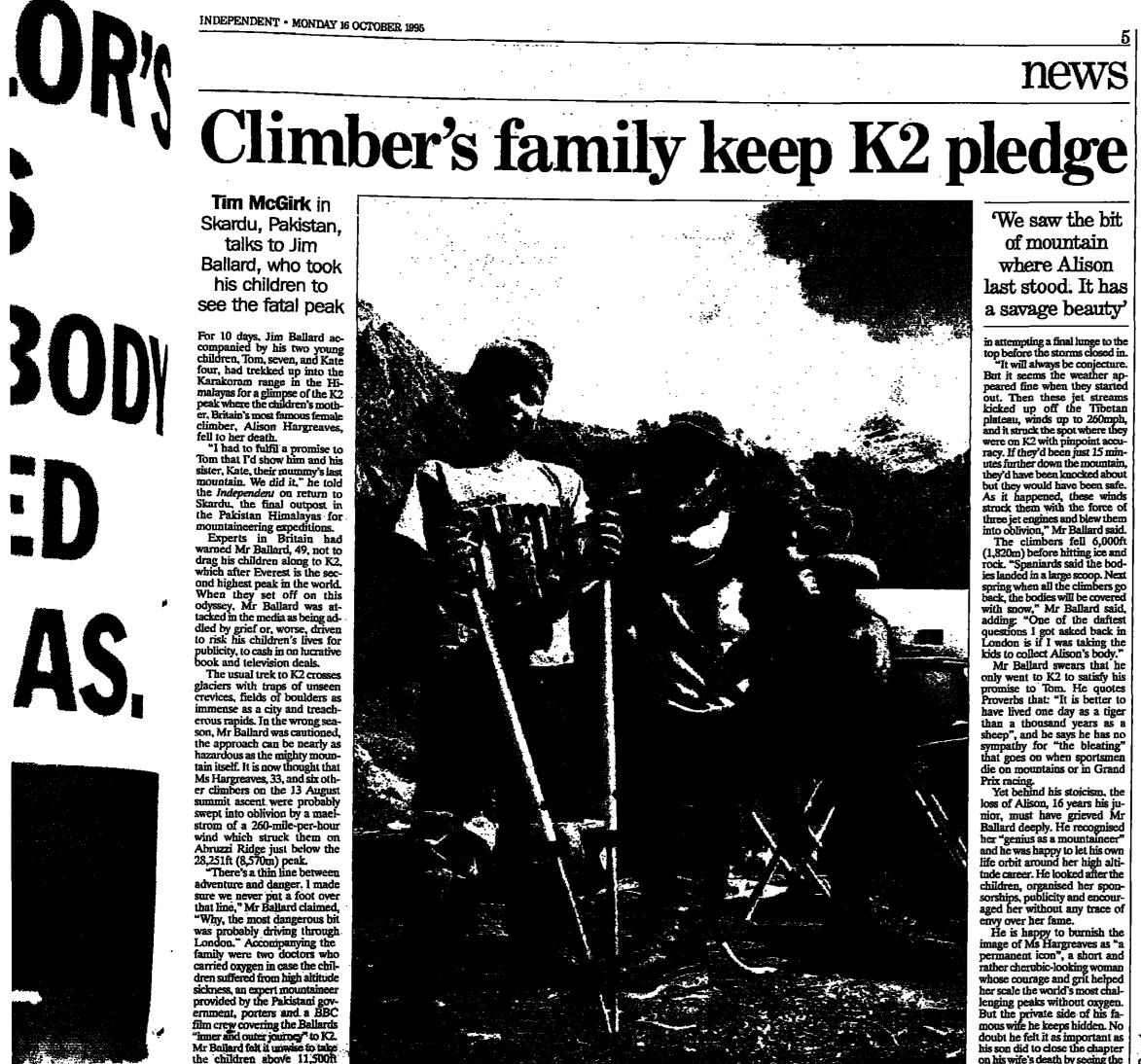
adventure and danger. I made sure we never put a foot over that line," Mr Ballard claimed, "Why, the most dangerous bit was probably driving through London." Accompanying the family were two doctors who carried oxygen in case the children suffered from high altitude sickness, an expert mountaineer provided by the Pakistani gov-ernment, porters and a BBC film crew covering the Ballards "inner and outer journey" to K2.

Mr Ballard felt it unwise to take
the children above 11,500h
(3,488m). The BBC provided
him with logistical help but did

not pay him a fee.

"Kate, being the four-year-old superstar that she is, rode on a porter's shoulders. But Tom insisted on walking most of the way on his own. The boy is a lot like his mother, given to quiet thought," Mr Ballard said.

The Ballard party skirted along the foot of the Karakoram glaciers, which are the world's longest outside the Arctic region. They spent days



Family pilgrimage: Jim Ballard with Tom, seven, and Kate, four, at Thungle on their way to K2 Photograph: Muzammil Pasha

climbing across boulders that were "like an enormous building site". They forded rapids on precarious rope bridges. And at night, they buried themselves in thick down sleeping bags to sur-

vive temperatures of -15C. At first sight, K2 was swirled in cloud, and Mr Ballard had to check his compass bearings to make sure they were not con-

fusing the peak with others in the vast Karakoram range. They camped, and next day dawned clear. K2 peak, still 10 miles away. loomed in its grandeur before them. "The day was so perfect it

was unreal," Mr Ballard said. Asked about the reaction of his energetic children to seeing the peak where their mother was killed, Mr Ballard replied: "Any-

one who has a four-year-old knows that these things don't really register - not that we can tell anyway. But Tom said he wanted to sit and think of his mum. So we all did. We saw the bit of the mountain where Alison last stood. You couldn't fail to be moved by K2. It's a mountain of

savage beauty." Just how the accident which

the accepted version that his wife and the others were possessed by "summit fever" and made a fatal error of judgement

killed Ms Hargreaves along

with three Spaniards, an Amer-

ican, a New Zealander and a

Canadian occurred may never

be known for sure. But after

talking with survivors from the expedition, Mr Ballard disputes queen or even dictator.'

Cover versions: From left, **Mojo** magazine shows the moptop, psychedelic and soon-to-retire Beatles JOHN MCKIE

Next mouth, an upsurge in Beatlemania looks likely on a level not seen since the Fab Four's heyday in the Sixties. November sees the release of a single, recorded by Paul, George and Ringo with old vocals from John, widely expected to be the Christmas number one. A sixpart ITV series, The Beatles An-thology, with exclusive archive material on the Fab Four, is also

to be screened But now, MOJO magazine has come up with perhaps the most lavish tribute. In an umprecedented move, the music magazine is producing three separate

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

official figures

Almost a quarter of a million

applications for a loan to the

Social Fund have been turned

down because those seeking

help were judged too poor to

be able to repay, according to

The fund, set up in 1986, pro-

vides the emergency safety net for people on income support

who take the interest-free loans

## Three sides of the Fab Four

ploy. "The Beatles were huge stars from 1963 to 1969 and they had numerous image changes. Everyone has their favourite Beatles image.
"It's an idea we have learned

from the recording industry: just as they have several different

popularity in recent months. In August, GQ offered readers the choice between two covers - one of the model Helena Christensen and one with the actor Hugh Grant - while London's listings magazine Time Out produced two covers, one show-ing a model with a T-shirt proclaiming "North London Sucks and the other in which the T-shir read "South London Sucks". Mr Snow was keen to stres

three covers. "I would love people to buy all three but, al though the covers are different. the content inside is the same. We believe they will be collect

## where Alison last stood. It has a savage beauty'

in attempting a final lunge to the top before the storms closed in. "It will always be conjecture. But it seems the weather appeared fine when they started out. Then these jet streams kicked up off the Tibetan plateau, winds up to 260mph, and it struck the spot where they were on K2 with pinpoint accuracy. If they d been just 15 minutes further down the mountain. they'd have been knocked about but they would have been safe. As it happened, these winds struck them with the force of three jet engines and blew them into oblivion," Mr Ballard said. The climbers fell 6,000ft

(1,820m) before hitting ice and rock. "Spaniards said the bodies landed in a large scoop. Next spring when all the climbers go back, the bodies will be covered with snow," Mr Ballard said, adding: "One of the daftest questions I got asked back in London is if I was taking the kids to collect Alison's body."

Mr Ballard swears that he only went to K2 to satisfy his promise to Tom. He quotes Proverbs that: "It is better to have lived one day as a tiger than a thousand years as a sheep", and he says he has no sympathy for "the bleating" that goes on when sportsmen die on mountains or in Grand

Prix racing. Yet behind his stoicism, the loss of Alison, 16 years his junior, must have grieved Mr Ballard deeply. He recognised her "genius as a mountaineer" and he was happy to let his own life orbit around her high altitude career. He looked after the children, organised her spon-sorships, publicity and encouraged her without any trace of envy over her fame.

He is happy to burnish the image of Ms Hargreaves as "a permanent icon", a short and rather cherubic-looking woman whose courage and grit helped her scale the world's most challenging peaks without oxygen. But the private side of his fadoubt he felt it as important as his son did to close the chapter on his wife's death by seeing the

mountain.

Mr Ballard pointed to a table of diners in an inn. "If Alison were sitting there, you wouldn't notice her. She didn't look like a climber. She was small, prettv. compact. I don't know why she captured the world's imagination. People need adventure in their lives. Maybe Alison showed them it was possible. I wanted my kids to know that there are wild places on earth where Nature is still king or

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according to figures provided by Ian Magee, chief executive of the Benefits Agency, to Alan Milburn, Labour MP for Darlington. Precise comparisons are difficult due to a switch from counting applications for loans to counting the number of items refused. But refusals on one count or the other now total almost 250,000 over the past

showed that Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, was betraying his pledge to target help on the most needy "The very people that the Social Fund was designed to help now find they are too poor to qualify," he said, "Even before ministers take the axe to social security spending again, thou-sands of vulnerable people are being left without a vital lifeline."

# Hackers 'costing firms millions' in telephone fraud

**CHARLES ARTHUR** Technology Correspondent

Businesses are facing "a plague" of telephone hackers, who can run up bills of thousands of pounds in a few weeks by exploiting flaws in modern switch-board systems.

A large British company based in London incurred a £500,000 bill when hackers used a dozen of its phone lines during the night, for two months. to make calls to the US, Africa. India, Pakistan and Russia.

One hospital saw its phone bill rocket by £50,000 in a single week when phone hackers calling from outside found a weakness in its switchboard, and used it to make calls to China.

The Independent has found that phone fraud, which exploits combinations of flaws in freephone numbers, voicemail systems and modern automatic switchboards, has been growing rapidly since the end of 1993, when the telecommunications watchdog Offel first allowed the sale of switchboards which can

lines. Phone hackers can exploit this to call via the switchboard to other numbers. Industry estimates reckon phone hacking is now costing companies millions of pounds every year.

But victims of fraud contacted by the Independent are reluctant to be named because they say it could ruin their companies' credibility. Some companies are understood to be reluctant to pursue court cases even after identifying hackers because they fear negative publicity. Many are angry that they were not warned by the manu-facturers of the switchboards

about the potential for hacking.
"We think consumers are super-sensitive to the idea of huckers, and as a software company we don't want our name associated with it," said an ex-ecutive at the British subsidiary of an American software company. A lone hacker cost his company £1,000 in one week last December.

The computer manager of an oil company, where hackers

forward external calls to outside fran up a £40,000 bill in a couple of weeks, said: "I think people in industry aren't aware that modern voicemail and switchboard systems really are computers, and so are vulnerable to hacking. We didn't know what was going on."

But John Chatterton, an in dependent consultant who has advised a number of companies on how to stop phone fraud, said: "Nobody tells the truth about this because it's too embarrassing to admit. I have been trying to get companies to take these cases to court but they are reluctant to be named publicly."

The managers at the software company and the oil company say they were not warned about the possibility of hackers abusing their system by the makers of the switchboards. "We didn't understand what was happen-ing," said the executive of the software company. "We came in one morning and were getting no calls at all on our direct sales line. Then we found the hacker had reconfigured it to call the United States."



River victims: Vet Andy Routh with swans being treated at the RSPCA hospital in Nantwich, Cheshire, after 2,000 litres of heavy fuel oil leaked into the Mersey from a chemical plant's storage tank at Warrington. A wildlife rescue operation was underway vesterday

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# **Inspectors to** single out poor teachers

FRAN ABRAMS **Education Correspondent** 

Individual teachers could be picked out for criticism or praise on their lessons and on how well their pupils are performing under a new, slimmeddown school inspection system to be announced tomorrow.

Schools will also be judged on the amount of homework they set, even for the youngest pupils, and will be expected to account for how they use the free time gained when the con-tent of the National Curriculum

But teachers' leaders say the framework could also back up a pledge by the Prime Minister last month that inspectors should name a school's weakest or strongest staff. In the past, adgements have been made on

school departme on individuals. Officials say details of the Prime Minister's scheme are still under discussion, but leaked draft guidance on the new inspection framework says teachers will be judged on how well they know their subjects, whether their lessons are well matched to the curriculum, whether their pupils are well-motivated and whether they are able to raise expectations. They will also be expected to show that they are using resources efficiently and assessing

pupils' progress properly.

Last week, Chris Woodhead, the chief inspector of schools, was attacked for announcing complete inspections of two London boroughs on the eve of the Conservative Party conference. Now teachers' leaders have complained that John Major's plans were not discussed during the consultation period on the new inspection measures. They say the moves will intensify opposition to an already un-

popular inspection system.
Tomorrow's announcement is designed mainly to allow inspectors to concentrate on literacy and numeracy, and cut down on unnecessary paper-

Further changes to the privatised school inspection system - under which all secondary schools will be visited by 1997 and primary schools by 1998 are also under discussion. Plans expected to be complete by the end of this year could mean that good schools will wait six years before their next inspec tion while weaker schools will be revisited after two.

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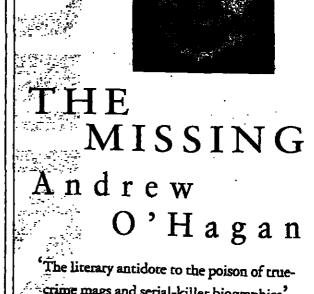
Plans to allow schools to evaluate their own progress monitored by inspectors, now seem to have stalled.

John Dunford, president of the Secondary Heads Association and a member of Ofsted's consultation group on inspec-tions, said that it had never discussed allowing inspectors to judge individual teachers.

However, he added that the new framework's emphasis on teaching and learning could strengthen the Prime Minister's plans, and that this would be bound to prove harmful. Schools could only be improved with the co-operation of everyone in them, he argued.

"It does not seem helpful to have a model of inspection which is seen to be hostile to the

"All that will happen is that individuals will tighten ranks to fight off this enemy," he said.



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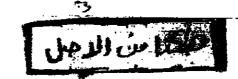
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# Ashdown in move to educate parents

**Donald Macintyre** talks to Paddy Ashdown as the post-conference dust settles on a new relationship between his party and Labour

This is where we came in. who, back in September, proand Tory as the main attractions. that he is still box office.

Yesterday, having seen Alan Howarth defect a week earlier to Labour without pausing to consider Mr Ashdown's party as an alternative, the Lib Dem leader shot a letter to all Tory MPs exhorting them to line up with his party by lobbying Kenneth Clarke to restore the cuts which resulted from the education budget last year, ensure a significant spending increase in this year's, and to vote against the Budget if necessary.

Although Mr Ashdown will not say so, the letter is clearly aimed at the 30-to-40 onenation MPs whom Mr Howarth claims are potentially as disaffected as he is himself.

Yesterday, Mr Ashdown lent his voice, as a former member of the special forces, to the chorus of denunciation of Michael Portillo for suborning Britain's military, including the SAS, for party political purposes in his Don't Mess with Britain" speech last Tuesday.

The typical special forces soldier, Mr Ashdown said scathingly, is not some kind of "lager lout" in uniform, but "thinking, serious, very intelligent", and deeply resents being used as a politician's "prop".

If [Michael Portillo] doesn't

know better than that, he said, "he shouldn't be doing the job". Tomorrow, Mr Ashdown makes an important speech to the Institute for Education and it is in this arena that Mr Ashdown has most to say at present. Unlike Tony Blair, he has come out unequivocally in favour of an extra £2bn on education spare money to cut income tax. so he is nerhans even hetter placed than Labour to try and

intervene in the argument rag-

ing between Gillian Shephard

and the Treasury on her budget

But it is on standards that Mr In cinematic terms it was Ashdown is proposing some-the Liberal Democrats thing rather interesting, if sketchy, within the party's orgvided the first feature of the anisational plans: the grantconference programme, and maintained-style freedom of Paddy Ashdown is understand-ably keen to remind voters, af-schools, coupled with "light ter two solid weeks of Labour touch strategic control" by local authorities; strengthened powers for inspections; a General Teachers' Council to maintain professional standards, and a modularised" system of 14-to-19 education which allows maximum freedom to students to pass between vocational and academic courses.

But he will also raise the issue of parents' obligations. Mr Ashdown is envisaging a "con-tract between school and home" in which parents are given a much clearer notion by the school of how they can help and encourage their children. He and his education spokesman. Don Foster, have been discussing with the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations the idea of "requiring" the parents of each child to go to induction meetings on homework and home liaison officers in every school with the task of visiting pupils' homes and discussing problems with their parents. And as a last resort, they would consider running classes for parents, especially in inner city areas where the culture of parental involvement in education may be least developed. He sees parents involvement as the most "cost-effective" action which can be taken to improve education standards. Mr Ashdown is conscious, of course, that this fits in well with what Tony Blair has been saying about in-

Which brings us again to the question of how the conference season has left his relations with the Labour Party. Clearly an extra £2bn on education he admires Mr Blair's speech to spending, and against the use of a "highly successful" Labour conference. But he has sharp criticisms too. He is still irritated by Mr Blair's apparent, though deniable, attempt to upstage his own conference with an interview extending the prospect of co-operation between the two



On thinking terms: Paddy Ashdown steps back into the limelight with ideas on education, defence, and party allegiance Photograph: Philip Meech

parties. He is less than impressed by the deal that Mr Blair announced with BT. Labour, he insisted, sold itself dividual rights being matched by "cheap" and looked as if it was picking up brightly coloured pebbles from other people's beaches". He abhors, too, the personalised attacks on his candidate at Littleborough and Saddleworth as undermining new Labour's commitment to pluralism. And he is harrying Mr Blair on his "equivocation on

party with a distinct commit-

proportional representation." Mr Ashdown claims it is a positive electoral benefit to the Lib Dems if they are the only

ment to PR. But he finds it "genuinely surprising" that Mr Blair won't commit himself on a position in the referendum he has promised.

But between the lines of the continued, sometimes strident, complaints on both sides it is still reasonable to expect that after the post-conference dust has settled, the Lib Dems' break with equidistance between the two main parties will gradually come to bear more fruit. Mr Ashdown is sounding warmer about the idea that both parties should start pre-election talks on the daunting mechanics of getting those elements of constitutional reform on which they agree - like freedom of information and the Scottish Parliament - through the Commons. Secondly, he is now floating the idea of co-operation. And he notes approvingly that Mr Blair is gradually embracing his own beloved principle of "hypothecated", or earmarked

But isn't Mr Ashdown now leading the only "tax-andspend' party? Far from it, he says. Labour has a record, which means they have now to "wrap it all in cotton wool, say as lit-tle as possible, and look as macho on tax as they can". The Lib

Dems, with their pledge to de-liver a costed manifesto, is the "promises with a bill attached" party, combining commitments to social justice and "economic toughness" - including a specific 3-per-cent inflation target. Mr Ashdown rejects as "obsolete" the term "left", and embraces the term "radical" which he interprets as "prepared to go to the roots of the problem and

address it in an honest and time when Labour is still showing "extraordinary timid-ity" the party has now, perhaps, "come home" to its tradition of

"conscience and reform" that, as he put in in his Glasgow speech, informed its sweep to power in 1906. At the beginning of the year

there had been three crucial questions: Would Tony Blair modernise Labour? Would the Tories self-destruct? Would the Liberal Democrats be swept aside? The answers had been ves. no and no.

Mr Ashdown said: "We've ended a very tough year intact and are still building. The par-ty is better placed and better understands its role that any time since I came into the House of

# reject parents' lack of a marriage

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Most children from one-parent families want a traditional marriage, thinking it should be for-ever and that it is better to live with two parents than one.

Divorce may have increase fourfold over the last 24 years, with four out of ten marriages ending in divorce, but the 500 10- to 17-year-olds questioned by Mori, from both one and two-parent families, retain enormous faith in the sanctity of marriage and want it to stay that way. More than 4 million (34 per cent) "worry a lot" about their

parents splitting up.
Two million children are being brought up by a single parent and the number of such families has more than doubled since 1971 - from 9 per cent to 21 per cent. One in three chil-

dren is born outside marriage.

Lone parenthood has been blamed for the rise in crime rates, psychosocial disorders and poor exam qualifications. Traditional family life is seen as under constant threat.

But the poll, commissioned by Readers' Digest, does not show that children share that view. Four-fifths declared that they would get married themselves one day. The view was shared almost equally between boys (80 per cent) and girls (83 per cent). And children whose parents had separated or divorced are just as likely to consider marriage as those whose parents are still together.

More than seven out of ten children from one-parent fauxilies also felt that marriage should be forever, and nearly 60 per cent believe it is better to live with two parents than one.

Karin Pappenheim, of the National Council For One Parent Families, said: "Marriage remains the norm and most young people reflect the idea. It shows that the majority of lone parents and children have not chosen to be in those circumstances, but it has been forced upon them. But their practical experience does give the lie to their ideal of getting married forever. The tragedy is their ideal is later shattered by marriage breakdown."



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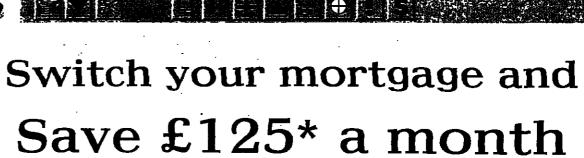
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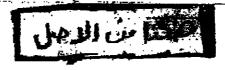
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# Missing £4bn casts Tree-ring tests take years off oldest building doubt on housing pledge from Blair

Westminster Correspondent

Billions of pounds collected by town halls from the sale of council housing has been spent, and is no longer available to be

used on new housing projects. The Independent has learnt that of the £6bn which Labour believes was frozen by the Government and is waiting to be released and spent on new homes, only about £2bn remains.

Last week in Brighton, Tony Blair said a Labour government would let local authorities use the money from the sale of council houses to end what he called "the most telling obscenity of Tory Britain" - bed-and-breakfast slum accommodation. The Government is also contemplating freeing the mon-ey - although it will not be used to build new homes. Ministers are thought to be in favour of using capital receipts to encourage industry to regenerate urban wastelands, in partnership with local councils.

It is Labour, though, for whom the whole issue of capi-tal receipts acts as a clarion call. The party's estimate of £6bn in available funds was based on the Department of the Environment's own figure, as at April 1994. Ministers, local govern-ment experts and town hall officers say they believe the true

figure is £2bn because, since the replacement borrowing. There Government froze the money to is no way that can be done withcurb council spending on capital projects, town halls have been using it to pay off debts or to holster day-to-day cash-flow.

Stockport, in Greater Manchester, has taken £16.5m in capital receipts. According to a council spokesman, none of this is still available. In Barrow, the sale of houses has earned £6.9m. Andrew McAdam, the town's director of finance, wrote to Ted Smith, the local Tory leader, stating that the money was being counted towards working capital.

Mr McAdam said that

Labour's lifting of the ban to allow councils to spend again would not mean Barrow could dip into a pot of cash. If it wanted to build new homes, Barrow would have to borrow additional capital, which would hit council tax bills. "There would be increased pressure on the council's revenue accounts from servicing the increased debt," wrote Mr McAdam.

tract fierce opposition.

The north London borough of Islington is also understood to have none of its capital receipts free to spend.

David Thomas of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy said councils have been using the money. "If capital receipts are released.



Soul survivor: Greensted church in Essex, where new research has raised questions over the building's origin

#### JACK O'SULLIVAN

A tiny church in Essex, thought to date from the ninth century and said to be Europe's oldest wooden building, has been shown by new evidence probably to have been constructed after the Norman Conquest.

Researchers from Sheffield University have found that Greensted church near Chipping Ongar was built in the late 11th century. The nave was erected using oak trunks, split in half and sunk in the ground. Dendrochronology - a technique that dates wood by examining the sequence of rings - has established that the trees were cut down circa 1070, when they were about 200 years old.

The discovery has challenged theories as to the origins of the church and why it survived - it is the only wooden stave structure still standing in Britain. It had long been believed that St the Danes in about 870, had lain briefly in state in the church. As a result, it was said, Greensted

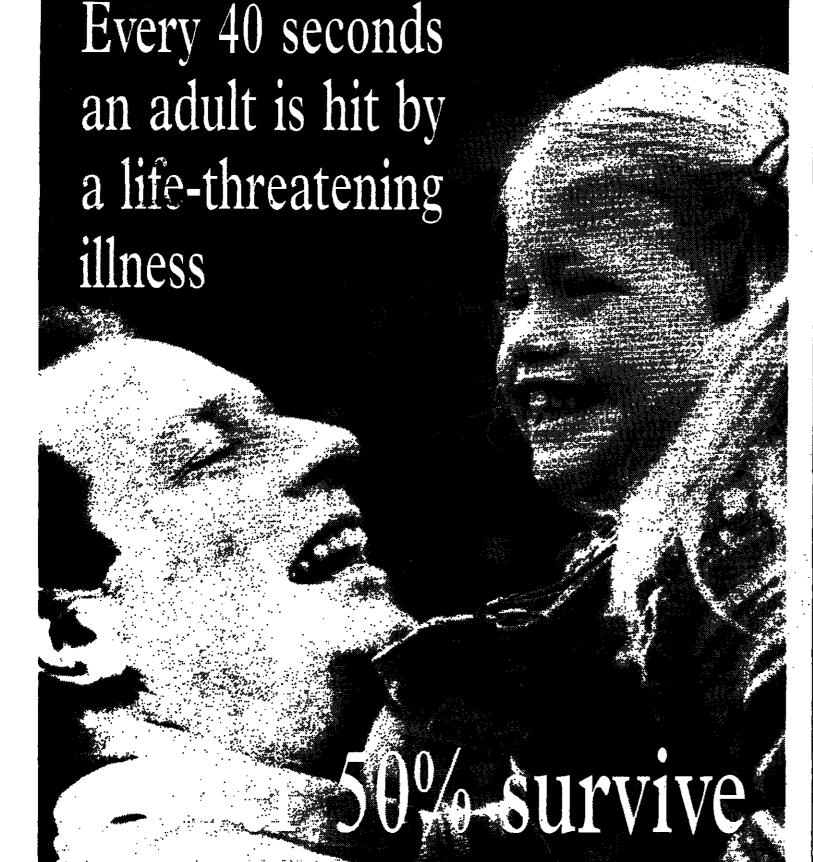
became a place of pilgrimage. The dendrochronological evidence threatens the St Edmund theory, although there are signs of an earlier chapel. The Rev Tom Gardiner, rector of Greensted, said: "This place is still very much a mystery."

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The latest hypothesis is that the church originally belonged to the local lord of the manor, who had a second estate and church which was modernised, while Greensted was largely forgotten. The church is now in need of renovation, and Mr Gardiner has appealed for £10,000 to fund essential repairs.

The good news for Greensted church is that it is still the oldest wooden building in Europe. Ian Tyers, a dendrochronologist at Sheffield University who dated the Greensted oaks, has checked rival constructions in Scandanavia, and found none dates from before the early 13th century.

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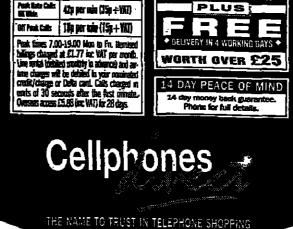
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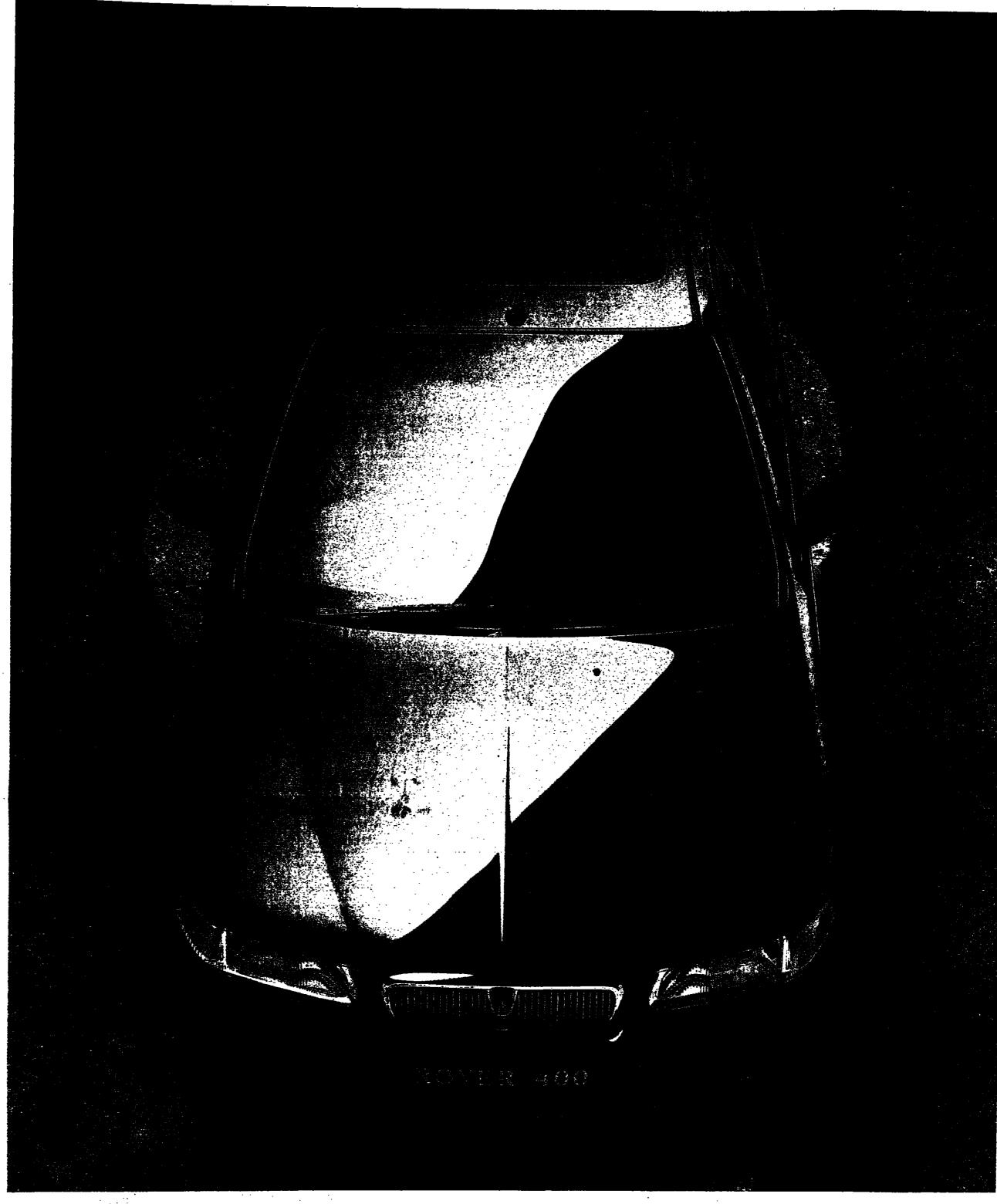


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lenging a shop on the King's Road, Chelsea, she found to be

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work at a quarter of the price.

"It was very scary. They really

Annie Doherty, 32, who

Mr Fry said of hundreds of

# Designers hit back at copyright pirates

**LOUISE JURY** 

Young designers angry at the increasingly widespread theft of their ideas are hitting back with legal action.

One firm of City lawyers specialising in copyright, Stephens

furious over alleged abuses. The British fashion designers Antoni and Alison began the trend two years ago when they accused Giorgio Armani of copying their work. They settled

Now more and more British artists are turning to the law after finding their exclusive ideas in the high street thanks to clever copying by factories in the Philippines, Portugal and Italy. and bargain fabrics widely available from markets in the East.

ramics artist from south London, was celebrating after a criminal prosecution was taken against the up-market lea and coffee company Whittard of Chelsea over a mug design.

Other leading stores, in-Innocent, is taking up to two or three calls a day from artists are being challenged by young are being challenged by young designers who claim their work has been misappropriated.

Robin Fry, a copyright expert with Stephens Innocent, said: "Young designers and other creative people are realising that when someone takes one of your copyright designs, it is a form of dishonesty.

Furthermore, a criminal case can be heard within four or five months of proceedings being issued rather than the years that civil action can take.

ordered to pay £3,000 com-pensation and £10,000 costs for distributing a mug which the company "knew or had reason to believe was an infringing

copy of a copyright work".
The action was possible following a change in the law in 1988 to permit criminal action makes hand-painted china and designs for industry in north London, achieved an out-of-court settlement after chalagainst copyright piracy. Geoffrey Adams, design pro-tection advisor for the Char-

tered Society of Designers and secretary of the British Copyright Council, said: "In the old days, there was a tendency in the fashion business to say that you just had to put up with it. There is less of an inclination to take it lying down now."

try to bully you not to do any-thing," she said. "It doesn't oc-Companies appeared more cur to people that designers are willing to flout copyright laws to trained to come up with ideas save themselves money during and that ideas are their livingthe recession, he said, although If you steal them, it's the same some did not know they were

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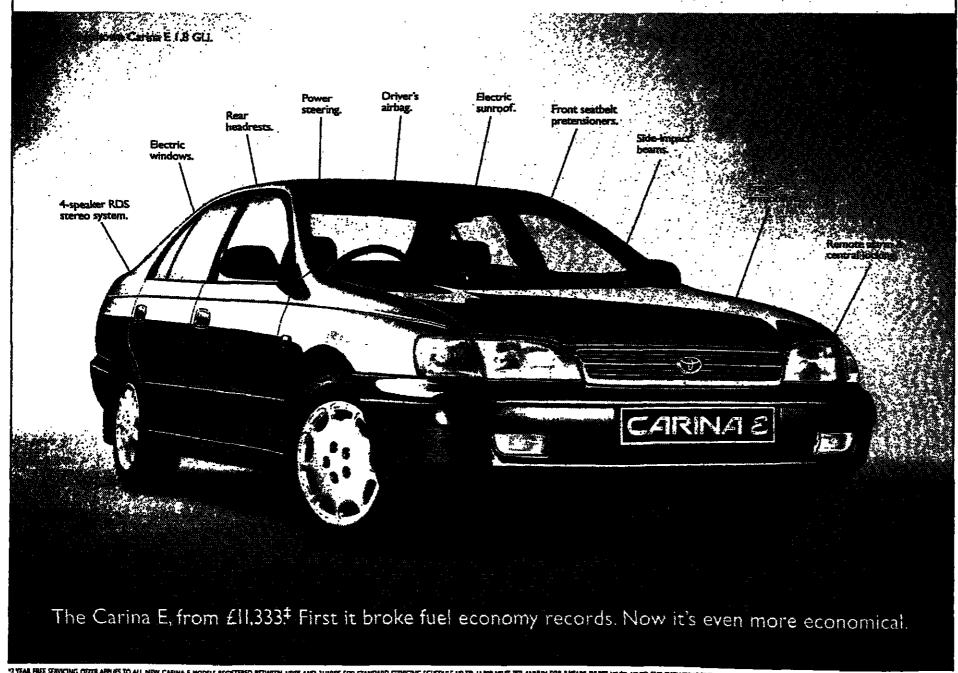
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## Court victor beats retreat

**LOUISE JURY** 

Kate Byrne saw what the pot-tery factories of the Philippines could do at first hand when she worked there three years ago.

They can take a design and reproduce it with remarkable ease. Ms Byrne, 32, works on china clay, the Filipinos produce earthenware, so the quality differs dramatically. But the point is, so does the price.

"Ail the major outlets are get-ting things made out in Portugal and the Philippines. The market has been flooded," she said. "It's totally disheartening. They can retail cheaper than we can manufacture."

Not every shop in Britain selling similar designs will realise they are infringing copyright. But the impact on Ms Byrne's business - which includes the ceramic ornamental fish which seemed ubiquitous last year has been dramatic.

What she see as perpetual move away from producing tableware to concentrating on her even more distinctive ceramic animals.

The problem seems to have

become more and more prominent in the last three years," she said from her studio in Camberwell, south London. "The only reason I've kept going is because I've had several irons in

the fire." When she was employed to produce designs for a business in the Philippines, she was amazed at the cheapness of labour. "Labourers got paid about £1 a day. Big American companies buy something and go over and say 'copy this', and those factories are very good at copying things. I just can't comte," she said.

Those defending copyright run the risk of accumulating huge legal costs. However, this risk has been reduced following a change in the law in 1988, allowing such cases to go through the criminal courts, a much speedier process. The significance of this is more than just financial, she said, as offenders receive a criminal conviction thieving has prompted her to and not just a fine that they can soon forget about.

Ms Byrne said: "A lot of heart has gone into my work. Theft of an idea is theft of a livelihood.'

## Canal towpaths could become cycle routes

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Fransport Correspondent

Canal towpaths could be used as cycle routes through London and other cities, according to proposals being put forward by transport ministers.

British Waterways, which runs the country's canal network, is setting up a study team to press the case for cyclists. to examine the viability of the Mr Norris said: "The use of scheme. The group will consider the possibility of setting up a system where walkers would have the canal edge and cyclists the inner part of the towpath, which

been maintained adequately to nised each other's needs.

allow them to be used as cycling routes and that British Waterways has been hostile to their use by cyclists. However, Steven Norris, the Minister for Transport, has taken up the cause of cycling, which he sees as a healthy form of transport. He recently met Bernard Henderson, who chairs the organisation.

towpaths for cycling particularly in the London area presents attractive options for both leisure and commuting". He stressed that towpaths could accommomay require widening in parts.

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## DAILY POEM

From Railway Songs By Sean O'Brien

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And sits there grinning silently At Workers' Playtime on the wireless in his hut, With a goods train sliding past just out of earshot.

The Mallard comes steaming out of its frame And the four-minute mile waits like Everest -Cinder tracks everywhere, sodden and virtuous,

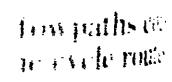
Coal-coloured sandshoes and wet, gritty legs, While shunters go by, bringing rain to Hull Fair, To the trains made of china, the trains full of goldfish,

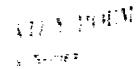
The half-naked girl-in-a-tank-with-a-train, The dripping back flap of the Ghost Train, The driver's mate waving at no one.

Last Thursday evening - National Poetry Day — saw the announcement of the Forward Poetry Prizes and the publication of the 1995 Forward Book of Poetry. The £10,000 prize for Best Collection went to Sean O'Brien for the recently published Ghost Thain (OUP). Trains, whooshing and steaming up and down the east coast, bind the book's scenery together, link past and present, and appear as backdrops to tiny vignettes of life; angry young men, glimpsed girls, vicars-cum-station-masters, signalmen and guards.



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# Juppé and Jospin redraw the political battle-lines

Exhibiting a bizarre mixture of defiance and contrition following his recent political difficulties, the French prime minister Alain Juppé was yesterday RPR party in succession to

ing a day of stage-managed festivities in the Disneyland conference centre outside Paris.

In a victory speech designed to stress party unity, rally the faithful and reassert the authority of his government and its loyalty to Mr Chirac's campaign promises, Mr Juppé made one brief allusion to his brush with the law over his cut-price

dertaken to move out by the end

tended by 20,000 delegates, who arrived startled by early morning Disney tourists fes-tooned with Mickey Mouse elected leader of the Gaullist memorabilia. Inside the giant marquee, they were treated to an occasion replete with tri-Mr Juppe the only candidate, received 93 per cent of the more than 70,000 votes cast dursigned to arrest the sharp fall in vive the spirit of triumph in which Mr Chirac was elected

President five months ago. The election of Mr Juppé as close a weekend that could have been dubbed "French politics - the relaunch." On Sat-urday, the Socialist party had completed the formal election He had he said, endured a of Lionel Jospin as the party's test "which will mark me for a new first secretary. Mr Jospin, long time". Mr Juppe and mem- the Socialist defeated with hocent of the poll of party members in a turnout of 66 per cent.

Mr Jospin, who topped the first round poll in the presidential election and achieved an unexpectedly high 47 per cent of the vote in the run-off against Mr Chirac, is now effectively leader of the left-wing opposition. In a rousing speech, remcampaign addresses, Mr Jospin called on party activists to work campaign team with members of the previous leadership, in-

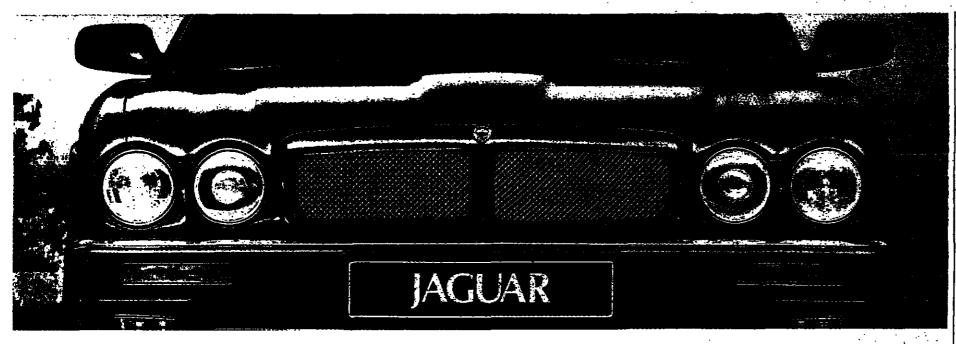
cluding the outgoing first sec-retary, Henri Emmanuelli. Although the left has lost the presidency and has barely 20 per cent of parliamentary seats, it is politically stronger than it looks - because of the high pubis held and the sharp fall in the

leader was close to that of Mr Jospin's in becoming Socialist leader, there was a distinct lack of comparable warmth at yes terday's gathering. The "Young Gaullists" had to be prompted to chant: "Juppé, Juppé" at appropriate moments, and were still handing out mass protimes, Mr Juppé seemed in danger of being upstaged by his erstwhile rival for the RPR leadership, Philippe Séguin. whose every appearance was greeted with loud cheers.
Mr Séguin's expression

support for Mr Juppé was the main calls - for structural reforms of the state and cutting the budget deficit, including cut in interest rates which could only be achieved by droptween himself and Mr Juppé.



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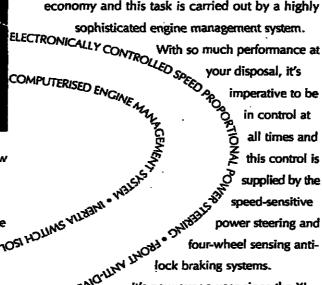
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currency union will go ahead Wolfgang Schauble, a potential Chancellor,

CDU leader says

without taking notice of opinion polls. We can go against cur- British Conservative Party, as rent majorities in opinion polls. And, afterwards, we go on to win the elections.

Thus, Wolfgang Schänble, the man nominated to succeed Chancellor Helmut Kohl, disof a single European currency, which would get rid of the beloved German mark.

Perhaps because he was talkng to a British newspaper, Mr Schäuble could afford to be plunter than he would dare to be on German television.

Speaking ahead of the party prime minister. conference of the governing Christian Democrats, which begins today, Mr Schäuble refused to budge a centimetre towards the sceptics: "We have signed and ratified the Maastricht for monetary union]. We're committed to it. And opinion polls change nothing in that."

In an interview with the Independent, Mr Schäuble was determined to dispel doubts about the feasibility of monetary union, a subject which will be on the agenda this week. Mr Schäuble still wants to convert the non-believers: "It's a question of political priorities. In Germany, too, it hasn't been easy. In the British press, it was considered impossible that Germany would fulfil the criteria for monetary union [because of the huge debt burden of German unification]. But we managed. We think that if others make efforts, they can do

Popular German doubts, he argued, will be dispelled in the end: "We must make it clear that a European currency will play a stabilising role."

He claims he is not bothered by the furore unleashed last month by the Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, who was dismis-sive about Italy's ability to meet the targets. The Italian gov-erument was furious and the lira went into free fall. But Mr Schäuble, Germany's chief strategist on Europe, insists that Mr Waigel was merely stating the obvious.

Mr Waigel's comments to a closed parliamentary committee were buried in an official parsceptical about Italy fulfilling the Maastricht criteria on inflation, debt burden, interest rates

and budget deficit, by 1999. The Italian government mo have known that officials in Bonn have been making the same point for months. None the less, in a dramatic reflection of the relationship between media and markets, the drama exploded when a Reuters news agency dispatch highlighted Mr Waigel's remarks. The lira collapsed and the Italians were

German officials suggest that Mr Waigel's comments may have forced the Italians to concentrate harder on the need to meet the criteria. Mr Schauble insists that the gospel according to Bonn remains constant: "First we want currency union to begin, as agreed in the Maastricht treaty. Second, we don't want the stability

criteria to be weakened." Mr Schäuble, who is coming to Britain to lecture in Oxford next month, will probably have meetings with John Major and the leader of the Opposition,

Bonn — "Germany has taken many decisions since 1945 — joining Nato, for example — ried by the fear and loathing of

marks by the Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo. Euro-friendliness, and says He is cautiously optimistic also about Labour's pro-European a fear that Labour might reduce

its Euro-excitement once it is in power: "There may be a dif-

ference between what a Labour

Europe in some sections of the

leader says as an opposition leader and what he says as a The 52-year-old Mr Schäuble occupies a special position in German politics. His official post is leader of the parliamentary floor group of the Christian Democrats. But he treaty [ie, including a timetable wields more power than many government ministers, probably

> Klaus Kinkel Mr Schäuble is in a special position in another respect. Pive years ago this month, a few days after German unification, he narrowly survived an assassination attempt, which left him wheelchair-bound.

including the Foreign Minister,

There is a sotto voce debate



Schäuble: Blunt opinions

about whether a wheelchairbound Chancellor could do the job. More striking, however, is the extent to which his chair is now ignored in Germany. Mr Schäuble, often seen as the chief Machiavellian in Bonn, is not a man to be patronised.

notes: "The job of the federal chancellor is not designed for the reintegration of the handicapped. That must be acknowledged." He regards debate on the subject of physical difficulties as "legitimate". As he himself points out, however, he has already demonstrated that it is possible to carry out a demanding, high-profile job from a wheelchair. In that respect, he hopes that his presence in such a prominent post may have set an example that employers and society can heed.

Theoretically, he is still the successor-in-waiting to Helmut Kohl. Still, Mr Kohl, who said last year that he would not stand again in 1998, has long since backtracked from that position. Mr Schäuble insists he is not bothered: "I'm not in a waiting room. I'm in my own room. I like what I do. And I've never regretted it for one minute," he said.

Mr Schäuble is not a man to say no to the Big One. He acknowledges: "Being Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany wouldn't be boring, that's for sure." But he insists: "The question hasn't come up. And

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Bosnia ceasefire: As government army silences its guns, Serbs argue over causes of defeat

# Muslims call halt to offensive

EMMA DALY

Battlefields fell quiet in northwest Bosnia yesterday as the government, apparently satis-fied with its autumn offensive in the north-west and under international pressure to adhere to the cease-fire it signed, halted attacks on Serbs in the area.

Victories by the Bosnian army in Sanski Most and Mrkonjic Grad have sown panic among Bosnian Serb leaders, who took the unusual step of inviting UN observers to inspect the front lines. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, reopened old wounds with his military commanders by blaming unnamed generals for

UN monitors headed for Mrkonjic Grad last night; their arrival should improve the peace-keepers' ability to monitor the cease-fire and report the ce breaches. Hostility between the warring armies is fiercest in north-west Bosnia, where Serbs earlier killed or expelled thou-

sands of Muslims.
The UN, if it is allowed access on the government side, will want to investigate reports of recent atrocities and older mass graves on territory lost by the Serbs. Bosnian troops took journalists to see 14 bodies, dead for several weeks, at two sites near Sanski Most. They suggested they were Muslims was a start lebour and short by used as slave labour and shot by

retreating Serb forces. Emir Karic, a Sanski Most official, said about 300 men were unaccounted for and feared dead: "The Serbs briefly withdrew from Sanski Most over a month ago but after two days under direct Nato control.

came back to harass the Mus-lims. They expelled about 2,000 women and children to Zenica and Travnik. They kept about 1,000 men." He added that half of those had been forced to withdraw with the Serbs. "We found 200 alive here and 300 are feared killed. We have already found and identified 100 bodies in various locations."

The ground between Prijedor - the one prize still in Serb hands - Sanski Most and Mrkonjic Grad, which once formed a defensive line around the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka, is infamous for atrocities committed against Muslims in 1992 and, the UN says, until the

past few days.

By a twist of fate, 25,000 Serb civilians fleeing the Bosnian advance are now housed at Omarska, once a concentration camp run by Serbs. The defeats and the plight of more than 100,000 Serb refugees from the battle have traumatised the Bosnian Serb leadership.

We must know who is responsible for a considerable oss of territory and military defeats, and those responsible will have to bear the consequences," Mr Karadzic said.

However, nine independent members of the Bosnian Serb assembly called for a "government of national salvation" to replace Mr Karadzic's admin istration.

Mons, Belgium (Reuter) — Russia and Nato got down to the details yesterday of planning a 60,000-strong force to implement an eventual Bosnia peace settlement. Russia has offered up to 20,000 troops but has insisted that they will not come



War weary: A Bosnian soldier rests in recently recaptured Sanski Most

#### IN BRIEF

#### Four to contest Algerian presidency

Paris - Four men are to contest Algeria's presidential election next month after completing a qualifying test that eliminated for-mer prime minister Redha Malek - earlier seen by many as the most serious challenger to President Liamine Zeroual. Mr Malek, 64, failed to gather the necessary 75,000 signatures to back his candidacy, a test passed by Mr Zeroual and three others – moderate Islamist intellectual Noureddine Boukrouh, the staunchly anti-Islamist Said Saadi, and Muslim fundamentalist leader Sheikh Mahfoud Nahnah. Analysts said the failure of Mr Malek showed a desire for change.

#### Rebels fail to take Afghan capital

Kabul - Rebel Taliban guerrillas failed to breach the Afghan capital's defences after five days of exchanging heavy artillery and rocket fire with government troops in the Rishkor hills on Kabul's southern city limits. The rebels want President Burhanuddin Rabbani to resign and turn over the capital to them. AP

#### Germany calls for global landmine ban

Bonn - Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel called for a global ban on anti-personnel mines and said Germany should lead by example by destroying stocks of the "diabolical" weapons. Reuter

#### Speedy trial urged

Harare — Zimbabwe human rights activists called for a speedy trial for veteran opposition leader Ndabaningi Sithole (right), accused by President Robert Mugabe of plotting to assassinate him and to stage a coup. Mr Sithole, 75, president of Zanu-Ndonga party, was arrested at dawn on Saturday. His wife, Vesta, said Mr Mugabe has a personal vendetta against



#### Court to decide on quotas for women

Brussels - The European Court of Justice will rule for the first time on Tuesday whether hiring quotas for women violate European Union equal opportunity laws. In a potential landmark decision, the Luxembourg-based court is being asked whether men are being discriminated against by rules designed to boost the number of women in the workplace. Rewer

#### World's oldest woman knew Van Gogh

Arles - Jeanne Calment, who met Vincent Van Gogh is set to become the oldest person who ever lived when she passes the record of a Japanese man. She will be 120 years and 238 days old tomorrow. The "Guinness Book of Records" lists Shigechiyo Izumi of Japan, who died in 1986 aged 120 years and 237 days, as the oldest human whose age has ever been authenticated. Aged Photograph: Chris Helgren/Reuter | 14, she met Van Gogh. She has described him as "ugly as sin ... | Photograph: Chris Helgren/Reuter | bad-tempered, a grumbler and smelling of alcohol". | Reuter

# EU deal in danger as Turkish Prime Minister loses vote

**HUGH POPE** Istanbul

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Turkey's 10-day-old government lost its inaugural vote of confidence in Ankara yesterday, deeply endangering a customs and a hoped-for 10 votes from union deal with Europe and giv-

formed exclusively from Mrs

Ciller's conservative True Path and bounced up to the rostrum Party was defeated by 230 to make sure everyone undervotes to 191.

Mrs Ciller looked crestfallen as her plans foundered on the loss of 13 votes from her party the former prime minister, Buto make a deal with 350,000

stood that she was not going to surrender easily to the ad-hoc alliance that ganged up on her.

"Let everybody know that no government can come from this parliament without the

Elections are due before next October, but probably would take more than two months to organise. More than four million voters must be added to the rolls inside Turkey after a low-ering of the voting age to 18. doruk, 62, a perennial also-ran of Turkish politics who resigned Key election laws also have

Mrs Ciller's election plans

benchers who lost out on the cabinet seat lottery resigned last week, and another eight voted against her yesterday. Most cunning is Husamettin Cin-

politicking has mapped out a coalition including the far right, Islamists, the social democrats, the centre-right and the leftists. lic sector strikers, who staged a

votes in the next elections.

The big losers were the pub-

of Turkish politics who resigned

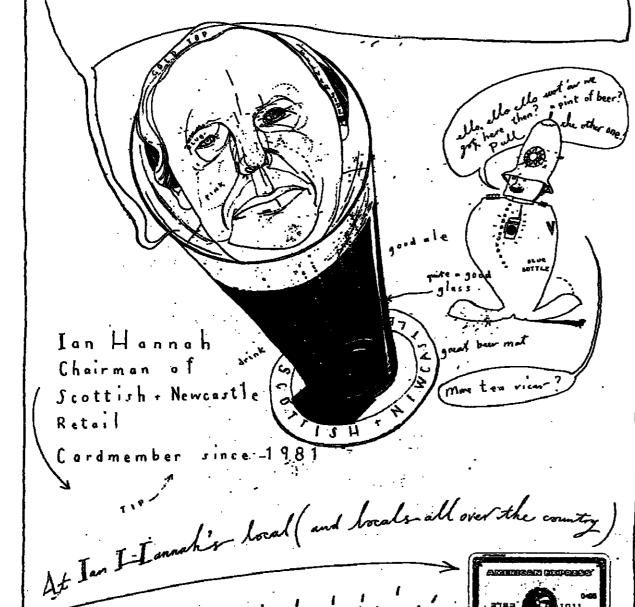
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ment to Mr Cindoruk as an "in-dependent". Behind the scenes politicking has mapped out a cheer Mrs Ciller. They gave no sign of believing that anybody else would help win them more ment to negotiate with.

More worrying is that deepening political uncertainty in Turkey is endangering a free trade deal with Europe. The European Parliament, which votes

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Annika Savill on the fall of the high-flyer tipped to become the country's first woman PM

# Sweden's 'A-child' bows out

the woman who was set to become Sweden's youngest and first woman prime minister, will announce today whether she will resign as Deputy Prime leadership of the Social De-

"If I don't run, I have to know that there is someone else who has the strength," Ms Sahlin said. "I have to force myself to think about who will take over. Otherwise this might end

"I am going to write a letter to the party and ask the mem-bers to reconsider their choice." she said, "If they can find someone better, they should elect him, or her."

Her comments came as prosecutors appeared likely to announce an official investigation into her repeated misuse of her government credit cards. Ms Sahlin's borrowing of taxpayer funds for private purchases,

a mountain of press revelations about her unministerial handling of her private finances. She has been chased by bailiffs over late payments of private credit card debts, a tax debt, a late television-licence payment and 19 parking fines.

According to two opinion polls published on Saturday, a majority said Ms Sahlin was not fit to be prime minister. "I'm so sorry about the whole thing, I can hardly speak without cry-ing," she said. "I have never, ever, stolen one single krona.' Mona Sahlin was what was

known in the Swedish Labour movement as an "A-Child". Steeped in the Social Democratic institutions that helped make Sweden what it is today. she epitomised the new guard of realists who would take a tired party into the next century. By her thirties, she had become the party leader's favourite, who could be trusted

to dismantle the welfare state

the common man. That was until last week, when it was disclosed that she also had been up to things that her Prime Minister and mentor, Ingvar Carlsson,

could not have imagined.

As the tabloid campaign of revelations has accelerated, Ms Sahlin has admitted her actions piecemeal, while insisting she had paid back every krona to the government. She

and family holidays are part of while speaking the language of now stands accused of being economical with the truth, but also of betraying the trust of Mr Carlsson, who had groomed her to take over when he steps

down in March. Ms Sahlin, 38, insists her transgressions were minor: "If you want a human being who is perfect in all respects, who has never ever paid a bill late, then you shouldn't be talking to me," has been a stock reply.

Already accused of demolishing the welfare state, Ms Sahlin is now seen as lowering moral standards. Mr Carlsson s "full political confidence" in her. But, as one opposition politician put it: "I don't think that Carlsson understands that people like that actually exist. i imagine his first reaction was that all credit-card companies should be banned."

Opposition politicians say Ms Sahlin, widely seen as an intellectually lightweight populist, was a disaster waiting to happen; that her rise was symp-

tomatic of the party's lack of talent. She joined when most gifted young Swedes spurned the grey colossus of Social Democracy in favour of the ight or far left.

Her job was to cut into unaffordable welfare structures while meeting the cameras with an unswerving gaze and to keep a pro-European course in a party plagued by Europhobia, less than a year after Sweden's EU entry. Her supposed youth appeal includes almost punk-style hair and a penchant for High Street fashion. Her salary is 660,000 kroner (£60,000) a year.

She lives with her husband terrace in Stockholm's southern suburbs. Many Swedes do not understand how she could have run low on cash, and suspect bigger skeletons in the financial closet. Speculation now focus es on whether the Co-ordination Minister, Jan Nygren, or the Finance Minister, Gorann Persson, will replace her.



Moscow rescue: Anti-terrorist commandos storm a South Korean tourist bus in Rec Square early yesterday, freeing the remaining four hostages from a total of 29 held at the start of a 10-hour stand-off. The lone blijacker was shot dead. Negotiators



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# High Noon for Berlusconi and the magistrates

ANDREW GUMBEL

There was a touch of High Noon in the announcement at the weekend that Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian prime minister, is to stand trial on corruption charges. Starting on 17 January, the Milan criminal courts will be the venue for a final showdown pitting the media magnate-trimed-politician against the magistrates whose investigations have derailed and possibly wrecked his ambitions to run the country.

To hear Mr Berhusconi talk, he sees himself as a lone sheriff preparing to do battle with the forces of evil - his argument being that the magistrates have a specific political agenda to destroy him. As far as the magistrates are concerned, they are out to establish not only Mr Berlusconi's guilt or innocence. but their credibility as dispassionate upholders of the law. One thing is clear: the con-

flict has become so heated that out of the showdown alive. The issue has grown far beyond the basic judicial debate of whether Mr Berlusconi colluded in the bribing of a few tax inspectors in exchange for an easy audit of At stake is the soul of Italy

as it struggles to throw off the corrupted politics of the past and create a new, healthy democratic system. Much has changed since Mr Berlusconi rose to power in the

sweeping away the old system. But then they turned their guns on the prime minister and the atmosphere quickly turned.

Mr Berlusconi accused the magistrates of trying to block progress and turn the clock back to the dark days of the past. The prime minister's opponents, by contrast, saw Mr Berlusconi as the true counterrevolutionary force, a man who had entered politics not to rescue Italy but his own personal

The magistrates won the first round when the announcement of a formal investigation into Mr Berlusconi last November precipitated the collapse of his government. Round two. though, went to Mr Berlusconi: the most popular of the magistrates, Antonio Di Pietro, resigned for reasons yet to be elucidated and, along with his former colleagues, became the object of a sustained smear campaign. The "Clean Hands" anti-corruption drive, meanwhile, lost momentum.

ment of Mr Berlusconi's trial has been a close and potentially destabilising contest. On the one hand, Mr Di Pietro has made noises about entering politics and accused the former roughshod over the country's institutional pillars to further his

On the other, Mr Berlusconi has launched a sustained attack on the judiciary.

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The next few months promise general elections of March 1994. At that time the judicia-ry were considered heroes for to be ugly as the country splits into opposing camps and the temperature of debate rises.

## **Pressure on Claes** to resign today

Willy Claes, Nato's secretarygeneral, will come under pressure to resign today when Nato ambassadors meet in Brussels. They will be assessing the damage caused to the alliance's credibility by the scandal in which Mr Claes is embroiled.

A Belgian parliamentary Saturday that Mr Claes, a gov-ernment minister before he took over the Nato job, should face trial on corruption charges. On Thursday, the Belgian par-liament will vote on whether to accept the commission's advice, thereby putting the chief of the world's most powerful military alliance in the dock It is clear that Nato is hop-ing Mr Claes will do the decent thing and offer his resignation. The longer he hangs on, the more embarrassing the situation becomes, sailed Brussels officials, this is likely to be spelled

out to Mr Claes today. Successors are being canvassed at Nato headquarters. with Uffe Elleman-Jensen, the former Danish foreign minister, emerging as favourite. Sugges-tions that Douglas Hurd, the former British foreign secretary, might take the job, are being played down as Mr Hurd probably does not want to leave his new lucrative City post.

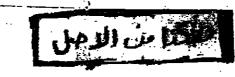
The parliamentary commission ruling brought to a head months of speculation over Mr Claes's future. It is alleged that he knew about illegal payments to his Flemish Socialist Party by the Italian defence contractor, Agusta, in 1988, when he was

Belgium's economics minister. Mr Claes, known for his blunt-speaking style, has protested his innocence, but on Saturday he showed the first sign that he might have to resign. The Belgian newspaper Dimanche Matin yesterday quoted Mr Claes as saying he would not give up his Nato job before the full session of the Belgian parliament decides on Thursday whether to order a trial. He told the paper he was not sure if he could go before parliament to defend his case, as he did be-fore the commission on Friday. have not decided yet ... I have to think first,"

Political figures have in-creasingly called for Mr Clacs to stand down. "Nato is going through a difficult transformation process; this cannot be done with a broken-winged chairman ... we cannot afford a Willygate", said Frits Boke-stein, leader of the Dutch

Liberal Party. Andrew Marshall, page 21





Million Man March: Despite his anti-Semitic rants, thousands are expected to join Farrakhan in search of a new Black pride

# Protest marks failed dream of integration

JOHN CARLIN

If Martin Luther King were alive to witness today's "Million Man March", he would weep.

The very fact that black men still feel compelled to gather in Washington under the leadership of a man like Louis Parrakhan, who uses hate as his main instrument of political persuasion, reveals how distant King's dream of racial integration remains.

It was King who led the last big civil rights march in Washington in August 1963. Then, 250,000 black and white men and women assembled to hear him deliver his "I have a dream" speech. Almost 100 years after the abolition of slavery, he said: "The Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land."

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But he urged black people not to drink from "the cup of bitterness and hatred" in pur-suing the dream, the dream that one day his children would "live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character".

Thirty-two years on, segre-gation has gone, blacks occupy positions of office around the and; a black man could be elected president of the United States next year.

Yet, most blacks continue to inhabit islands of poverty in America's vast ocean of material prosperity and almost all black Americans, even those who have scaled the social ladder and escaped into the middle class, say they continue to

feel the sting of racial prejudice. What would have saddened King most is that black people, especially black men, have their low self-esteem against each other. One in three black black men in their twenties is under some form of police su-

Mr Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, conceived the idea of today's march following a vision he says he had in a dream of black men coming together in large numbers

to atone for their own sins and to make a pledge to rediscover. the virtues of self-reliance and

social responsibility. The message has a broader appeal than the messenger. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has disowned the march because of Mr Farrakhan's commitment to black sepa-ratism - he has called for "a state of our own? - his constant

#### Landmarks in US black history

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race-baiting, and his strategy of Koreans and Vietnamese as "bloodsuckers". His organisation's magazine recently pro-posed a legal prohibition on inter-racial marriages.

Yet, Jesse Jackson, a disciple of King, and other relatively mild black political leaders, as

well as doctors, lawyers and other professionals, will join the throng today on Washington's

In a television interview ye terday Mr Jackson did not disagree that Mr Parrakhan was an anti-Semite but said the cause of the march was bigger than its leader. "The real problem." he said, "is the disgraceful condi-tion of the African-American

Two articles by black columnists in yesterday's Washington Post described today's march as an exercise primarily in re-capturing the sense of pride and solidarity of the Sixties' civilrights movement.

Courtland Molloy wrote that since the call came to participate in the "Million Man March" he had begun to see more black men smiling. "What's up broth-erman? sure has a nicer ring than the ominous, for whom the belltolls, 'What you lookin' at?"

Nathan McCall, author of an

antobiography called Makes Me Wanna Holler, wrote that the march represented "a kind of herapy for black men". He said: "It offers a lot of things that we urgently need - a chance to come together and confront our shortcomings and celebrate our strengths; an opportunity for us to take stock of our current plight and plot a better future course; and, on a very basic level, a healthy way for black men to get a little bit of this tension off our chests."

Healthily therapeutic as the event itself may be, questions linger as to what will happen in the aftermath. Black women, for example, want to know whether many of their men's notoriously sexist attitudes will soften, and whether black fathers might start displaying a little more interest in nurturing their chilpursuing lives of crime.

And the broader queens dering is whether the march will serve merely as a springboard for Mr Farrakhan's political career, or whether it might revitalise King's dream of transforming "the jangling discords" of America into "a beautiful symphony of brotherhood".



Lost dream: Unlike Martin Luther King, Louis Farrakhan seems intent on using hate as his main political weapon

## Violinist driven by anger

Louis Farrakhan, the incarnation of black American rage, is a lover of music, writes John

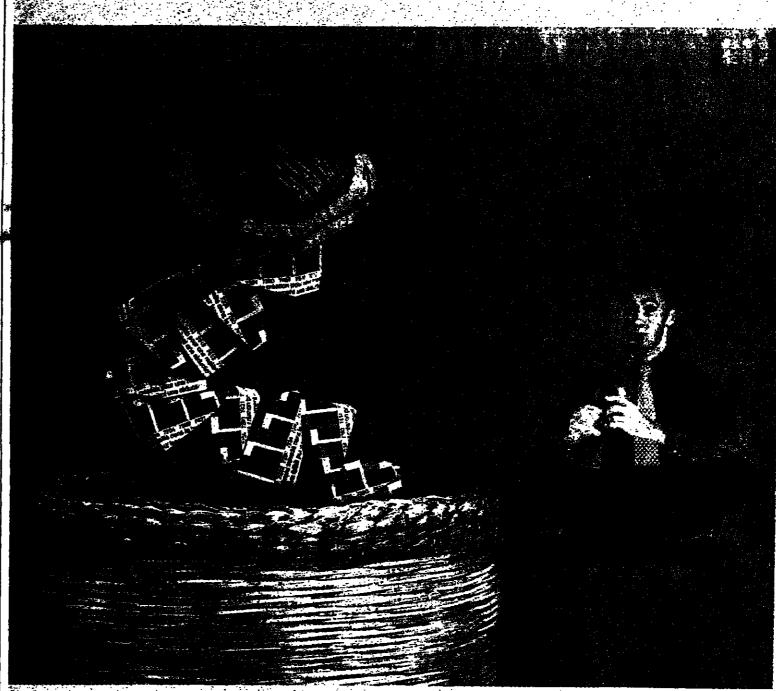
A nightchub singer known as "Calypso Gene" before his conversion to the Nation of Islam in 1955, he likes to relax by playing the violin at home.

Mendelssohn is a favourite.

The public Mr Farrakhan es European culture and proclaims "African" Egypt to have been the source of mankind's greatest achieve-ments, from art to mathematics. He bases his views on "the white race" on the teachings of Elijah Mohammad, founder of the Nation of Islam, who proclaimed that whites "were not made to love or respect any member of the darker nations".

Mr Farrakhan, who was born in New York in 1934, uses racial anger as an instrument of political mobilisation and as a platform to develop a separatist message of black self-reliance. The level of crime in the black community, the destruction of the black family and the collapse of black education are causes for shame, he argues. Before seeking redress from the white establishment, he says, blacks must put their house in order.

While there is much in what Mr Farrakhan says that makes sense, his anti-Semitism turns many against him and denies him the possibility of emerging as the unifying "voice of the



# Defection threatens grip of Mexico's ruling party

Latin America Correspondent

After a series of nerve-jarring earthquakes last week, Mexicans were jolted at the weekend by a major political tremor. Manuel Camacho Solis, former mayor of Mexico City, former presidential candidate, former Chiapas peace negotiator and a stalwart of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), had jumped ship.
Mr Camacho assailed the

PRI, which has ruled Mexico since 1929, and implied he would form a new centrist coalition to run for president in 2000 - if the incumbent President Ernesto Zedillo lasts that long. 'l am already out of the PRI," Mr Camacho said in a brief statement. "I am in favour of real political change, a new political coalition, to lead us to an advanced democracy."

Political commentators in Mexico City said the defection of Mr Camacho, who only two years ago was widely tipped to be Mexico's next president, was a major blow to a party already ing signs of crumbling before it reaches 70 years in power.

Mr Camacho is the most prominent PRI member to desert since Cuanhtemoc Cardenas left in 1988 to launch a centre-left coalition which became the Democratic Revolution Party. That defection stunned the nation. Mr Cardenas ran for president and many, if not most, Mexicans believe he defeated the PRI candidate, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, only to be robbed of victory by fraud.

Mr Cardenas's popularity has since slipped and Mr Camacho may well believe he can garner much of his support on the left, attract the moderate wing of the rising conservative National Action Party and even create a new party from other PRI dissidents and supporters.

Considered one of Mexico's shrewdest politicians – far more so than Mr Zedillo, a stand-in presidential candidate after the essination of Luis Donaldo Colosio in March 1994 - Mr Camacho's timing could be a destructive blow to the PRL

lems may be his ego and ambi-tion. After Mr Salinas, his old friend and mentor, passed over him and chose Mr Colosio as the PRI presidential candidate in 1993, Mr Camacho broke the party's traditional rule of silence d criticised the decision.

Still, Mr Salinas named him a peace negotiator with Zap-atista guerrillas after the Janu-ary 1994 uprising in the south-eastern state of Chiapas. The timing of the uprising and the assassination of Mr Colosio two months later led to a spate of conspiracy theories, some in-volving Mr Camacho, the nowdisgraced Mr Salinas and/or long-time PRI hardliners.

During the initial Chiapas peace talks, Mr Camacho was receiving far more publicity than Mr Zedillo, then the pres-idential candidate. Possibly fearing some kind of cour against his candidacy, Mr Zedil lo criticised Mr Camacho for his cosiness with the Zapatista leader. An angry Mr Camacho quit as peace negotiator and laid low until this weekend.

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## Quebec breakaway hopes rise

HUGH WINSOR

For the first time since the campaign for Quebec sovereignty began in August, the separatist coalition appears to be gaining momentum. The upturn follows the campaigners' decision to play down plans to break away from Canada.

Two polis released at the weekend show the "Yes" side in the 30 October referendum had gained two or three percentage points over the past week, narrowing the federalist side's lead to less than five points. An average of the most recent polls gives the "Yes" side approximately 48 per cent of decided voters to the "No" side's 52 per cent. Because of the margin of error within the polls and an uncertainty about how to al-

locate the undecided voters, the asks Quebeckers to promote numbers mean the two sides could actually be tied with two more weeks to go.

The turnsround in the polls follows a decision within the separatist coalition to replace the Quebec Premier, Jacques Parizeau, as the head of "Yes" campaign by the more moderate and more charismatic Lucien Bouchard, leader of the Bloc Quebecois, which forms the official opposition party in

the Ottawa parliament. Mr Parizeau has always been a hardline separatist but he was forced earlier this year by Mr Bouchard and Mario Dumont, leader of the Parti Action Democratique, the other members of the sovereignty coalition, to modify his proposal for an in-

sovereignty followed by a formal offer of economic and political association with Canada. But Mr Parizeau lacked credibility trying to sell this option. The federal government has

indicated it might not accept the results because it did not clearly ask Quebeckers if they wanted a separate country and polls indicated that 30 per cent of the electorate believe that Quebec would still send MPs to Ottawa, have Canadian passports and use the Canadian dollar.

The public focus on the Quebec question was diverted tem-porarily at the weekend as the New Democratic Party, the centre-left party affiliated with the Canadian labour movement, choose a new leader, Alexa McDonough, 51, a for-The referendum question mer social worker.

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# Israel goes on offensive after six soldiers die

Jerusalem

Israel launched an intensive search-and-destroy operation in south Lebanon yesterday after the Shia Hizbollah militia killed six Israeli infantrymen and seriously wounded a seventh in an ambush in Israel's self-proclaimed South Lebanese The escalation in this mini-

war of attrition across Israel's last remaining "hot" frontier forces will retain responsibility for the settlers' security. came as Israel tried to defuse Palestinian resentment at its wary implementation of the latest peace accord by advancing its evacuation of the seven biggest West Bank Arab towns. The Foreign Minister, Shi-

mon Peres, announced after meeting the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader. Yasser Arafat, on the edge of the Gaza Strip that Israeli troops would pull out of Jenin, the first and most northerly of the towns, on 25 October - three Israel now aims to hand over

weeks earlier than planned. six of the towns by the end of .

the year, Bethlehem, Mr Peres promised, would be under Palestinian control in time for Christmas - the first time it will not be under Israeli occupation since 1967. Elections to an 82member Palestinian legislative council are now due to take place by 22 January - before Israel completes its redeployment in Hebron, the seventh and most volatile of the towns. where 450 Jews live amid 100,000 Palestinians. Israeli

Yesterday's ambush near the village of Aishiyeh followed a similar attack last Thursday, which killed three soldiers. A total of 22 Israelis have now lost their lives in this fighting since the beginning of the year.

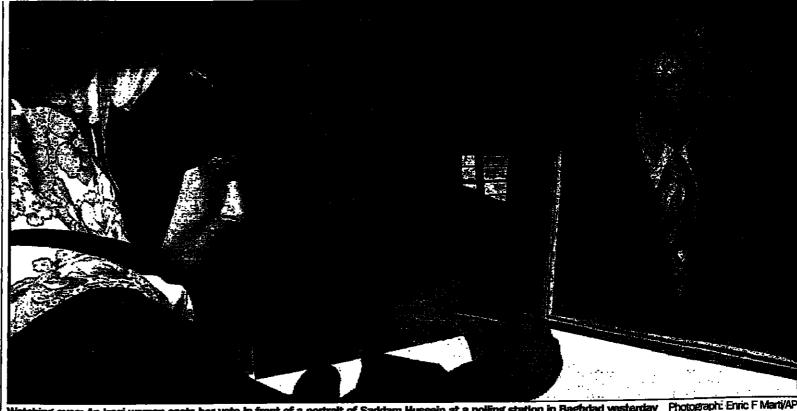
A massive bomb went off under the first of two armoured personnel carriers patrolling in the zone's eastern sector. Five members of the Golani infantry brigade were killed on the spot. A sixth died later of his wounds. A Hizbollah leader, Sheikh Hassan Nasrullah, boasted afterwards that his men were in

war against the Jewish state. The Israeli Chief of Staff,

Lieutenant-General Amnon Shahak, told reporters last night: "The Israel Defence Forces will hit Hizbollah wherever and whenever it feels it is right and it can be done. In the long war against Hizbollah, we have no limitations on our activities. Our units have been operating throughout the day in the area of the attacks. We shall continue these operations for some days.

General Shahak denied Lebanese reports that Israel was pouring heavy weapons into south Lebanon, as it did after a wave of attacks two years ago. For the most part, he said, Israel was still honouring the undertaking it gave then not to bomb Lebanese villages.

But the Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, cancelled all his engagements yesterday to consult his security advisers and has summoned an emergency Cabinet meeting tomorrow after the Jewish festival of Succot. All his



# Iraqis vote under Saddam's gaze

Kirkuk, Iraq

Thirteen pictures of Saddam Hussein, dressed as an Arab sheikh, a baggy-trousered Kurd and a white-suited businessman, stared down on the 7,000 voters of the Arafa district of Kirkuk as they cast their ballots yesterday in the local primary

school. A 14th picture of the vote endorsing Saddam Hussem Iraqi leader stood on the ballot for another seven years. "Two box itself, into which voters pushed slips of paper on which they had ticked the "yes" or "no" box in answer to the question "Do you agree that Saddam Hussein should be the president of the Republic of Iraq?" The sayings of the Iraqi

leader adorned the walls of the school gymnasium. Mahmoud Faisi al-Haza, a teacher of English for 15 years, pointed to a slo-gan which read: "Tell the truth without flattery."

Seldom has an authoritarian state devoted such resources to the trappings of democracy. By yesterday evening 8 million "People held private parties sultation with other officials: "It a large mural of an Iraqis food polling station and cast a they believed the register was Arabs, Kurds, Turkomans or leader: "Victory is sweet."

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for independence from Nigeria, which ended 25 years ago, a conflict described by the Red Cross

asters of this century". Chief Ojukwu (aka "Eme-

ka") was 34 and the military gov-ernor of the federal republic's

Eastern Region when, in May

people he had fought

or three hours after the polls close we shall phone the results to Baghdad," said Salem Mahmoud Kebabchi, one of the electoral officials in Kirkuk.

The real aim behind the referendum is clear enough. Two months ago Uday Hussein, President Saddam's eldest son, opened fire with his sub-machine gun at a party in Baghdad, wounding his uncle. Watban, and forcing his military officer brothers-in-law, Hussein Kamel and Saddam Kamel, to flee to Jordan with their wives, the president's eldest daughters.

wobbling," said an Iraqi. The point of the referendum yesterday was to demonstrate that they were wrong.

In Kirkuk, a city of 400,000 three hours drive north-east of Baghdad, there is a slight un-dercurrent of tension in the air. During the 1991 uprising Kurdish forces briefly captured it. only to be driven out by the Iraqi army a few weeks later. Many of the Kurds in Kirkuk left and still have not returned.

There are few signs of the fighting visible today. Asked who were the majority in the city, Mr Kebabchi at first said "Arabs". But, added after con-

Christians because all are Iraqis K under the leadership of Saddam Hussein.

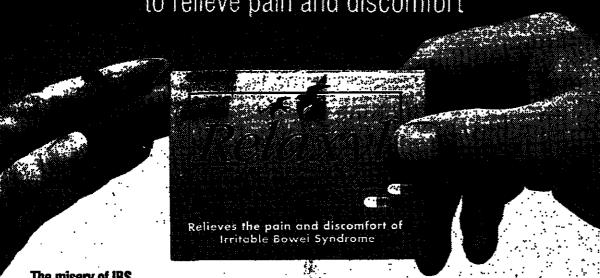
As the place where oil was first discovered in Iraq in 1927. Kirkuk is also the centre of the northern oil fields, of which the Kurds claim they have been deprived by systematic Arabisation of the province.

In Kirkuk, the personality cult of Saddam is even more overwhelming than in Baghdad. In the Arapa Primary School, for instance, there is a board, in place before the election, on which schoolgirls have written love-letters and made birthday cards for the president. It faces a large mural of an Iraqi soldier does not matter if people are. beneath another quoting the

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1967, he proclaimed its inde pendence from Nigeria. The move followed the region's steadily deteriorating relations with the government of Lieu-tenant Colonel Yakubu Gowon, which refused to take action after northerners massacred thousands of Ibos who had settled others in the military."

in the Northern Region. Today, aged 61, Chief Ojukwu is "a free and ordinary citizen of Nigeria". He divides his time between Lagos (the com-mercial capital), Abuja (the

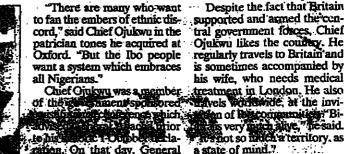
federal capital) and Enugu (the erstwhile Biafran capital). 'History has not fied me," he



## Chief Odumegwu **Ojukwu**

London. "I'm held in high respect and consulted on many subjects, not just by my own people but also by the government. I have cordial relations with General Abacha and many

It is hard to believe that General Ojukwu, who in the late Sixties fought to resist the forces of another military dictator, and Chief Ojukwu, the placatory patriarch, are one person. But the former freedom fighter is committed to working with the Abacha regime in the context of a united Nigeria.



ration. On that day, General a state of mind." Abacha, in power for nearly two Nigeria would be returned to

"I do not support the military government as such," said Chief Ojukwu, "but I cannot wish away the fact that it's in power. I believe we must try to ease the military out but there must be no risk of bloodshed." His aversion to bloodshed is

understandable. The civil war, which broke out in July 1967 with the invasion of the Eastern Region by government troops, was particularly vicious, fuelled by imported modern weaponry. Outnumbered by more than four to one, the Biafran army was doomed. As federals advanced, millions of Ibo fled into the bush where they were cut off from supplies by a naval blockade. By October 1968, the Red Cross estimated 10,000 Biafrans, mostly children, were daily dying from starvation.

supported and armed the central government forces, Chief Ojukwu likes the country. He regularly travels to Britain and is sometimes accompanied by his wife, who needs medical treatment in London. He also

years, amounced it would be at Nigerian People's Movement, a least another three years before political association founded earlier this year to promote naof remaining restrictions on political activity scheduled for this year, he believes the movement can play a role in shaping the country's future. He also has his eye on the 1998 elections, though to what extent he takes account of his political mar-

ginalisation is unclear. "If I could run for president that would be wonderful," he said. "If I do decide to contest the elections, I'd join a political party, obviously one which would ensure the Ibo are not cheated of their rights under the

federal structure." Chief Ojukwu takes a keen interest in tennis, rugby, chess and classical music. A Sibelius fan, he chose "Finlandia" as Bi-

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## Filipina maid's family thanks victim's son

MICHAEL GEORGY

Al-Ain - The family of Sarah Balabagan, the 16-year-old Fil-ipina maid condemned to death in the United Arab Emirates for day thanked the family of the man she killed for sparing their

daughter from execution.
"We want to convey our sincerest gratitude to the family," Sarah's mother, Bai, said in the house in this oasis town where her daughter stabbed Almas Mohammad al-Baloushi to death last year. "We will never forget in what you have done, the maid's father, Karim, told the dead man's eldest son,

Faraj. "I want to convey that we are grateful for your decision." The families sipped tea to-gether during a half-hour meeting. Obeid Baloushi, a son of the dead man, said later: "Anything the government wants I will accept. I can't do otherwise. They told us to forgive. We can't

their demand that the death sentence, imposed four weeks ago, be carried out.

They relented on Saturday in return for \$41,000 blood money after the intervention of Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan al-Nahayan, President of the UAE. Under Islamic law, the family of a murder victim can accept compensation instead of execution of the killer.

Sarah Balabagan was condemned to death at a retrial for the murder of Baloushi last year. The Baloushi family dropped At her first trial, she was sen-

Sheikh Zaid ordered a retrial. Sarah argued she acted in self-

defence during a rape when she stabbed Baloushi 34 times. But in the retrial, she was convicted of premeditated mur-der rather than manslaughter and sentenced to die.

The court also overturned the earlier verdict that she had been raped. What happens next was not clear. Her appeal against the death sentence has been adjourned until 30



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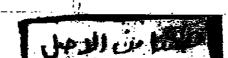
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# A political vision on the road to Blackpool

John Major's belief that Britain should become the 'enterprise centre of Europe' could be effective, unifying and distinctive

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dress it up as a philosophy.

Of course, it means making Britain the European home for new vision for Britain as the "enter-international business. That will prise centre of Europe", it is the reverse deception which holds. It looks as though he has presented us As Mr Major was speaking on Friwith a statement of the bleeding day, the Korean company Samsung obvious in asserting what it is he was entertaining the Queen in

ing that we should be on the enterprise periphery of Europe). But, in fact, Mr Major has actually outlined a political creed that could be effective, unifying and distinctive.

So: what does it mean to relaunch Britain as the enterprise centre of

clearly define our relationships with the United States and the Far East.

This is exactly the kind of thing the Prime Minister has in mind. At the same time, of course, it defines our relationship with the rest of Europe: as a matter of logic, we have to be in Europe in order to be in the centre of it; as a matter of practicality, we must be in it if we want the Samsungs to continue to park themselves here.

Enterprise Britain also means making Britain the centre of business and commercial services in Europe. For example, probably more symbolic of our national courparative advantage than the new Samsung plant on Teesside was the aunouncement, on Friday, that the company is relocating its European headquarters from Frankfurt to London - where accountants, lawyers, advertisers, telecommunications providers, software writers niciers are to be found in relative abundance

Given the natural advantage of laneuage. London must rank as the most attractive city in Europe for firms to place their management function. Serving those headquarters is work we like doing and work we

Another element of the grand design of making Britain an enterprise centre means taking the country a little way down the road towards the more aggressive capitalism of Hong Kong and the United States. That means smaller government, lower taxes and probably less welfare. It also means doing our best to promote free trade - in Europe and now, according to Malcolm Rifkind, across the Atlantic.

Finally, making Britain an enterprise centre means making Britain entrepreneurial and promoting the wealth creators - by abolishing taxes such as capital gains and inheritance tax that stifle enterprise, abolishing red tape, and removing the hand of bureaucratic control (in the form of both local education and health authorities) from our public services.

Much of it sounds rather attractive. Certainly, as a guiding objective it is far more appealing to liberalminded folk than any of the com-peting visions for the soul of the Conservative Party. It also passes the three key tests of political mission statements. It is distinct - it is not something that everybody could wholeheartedly support, so it dis-tinguishes the party from the others. It is uniform in that it is It is unifying - in that it has one cen-trar idea which acts as a vehicle for policies in a whole raft of areas. And it is meaty - there are practical pro-

posals that follow from it. Moreover, as a political relaunch it also succeeds in giving a fresh face to Conservative policies without actually reversing them. From the abolition of exchange controls, to the (embarrassing) repackaging of the Department of Trade and Industry as the Department of Enterprise, the Tories have always aimed to make Britain a business-friendly nation. No one can accuse them of contriving a new conviction for

So, you have heard the speech,

does Mr Major or, indeed, anyone else actually make Britain the enterprise centre of Europe? This, I fear,

may not be so easy. The reason why not all countries have already transformed them-selves into what Mr Major wants to turn us into is that, in practice, many of the policy elements of the programme are deeply unattractive in the execution, or limited in their

Take first the idea that we should be the nation of inward investment. This is a very Michael Heseltine view



Most politicians take a slogan and call it philosophy: John Major has done the opposite

of the high-profile new investment that has arrived of late has been induced to settle here by the largesse of the tax-payer. The subsidy offered to firms such as Ford and Siemens is probably the only form of welfare hand-out to foreigners the Conservative Party still supports. In any event, it hardly resonates with the bulk of what the Tories regard as free-market values.

There is another problem with inward investment. There simply is not enough of it to build a prosperous and successful life for everybody, and there never will be. In 1993-94, for example, 404 foreign companies decided to invest in operations here. Government figures suggest they created 96,000 jobs. But in any one vear, something like 9 per cent of UK iobs turn over - are created and destroyed. So, while 96,000 sounds a lot, it is only a small proportion of the two and half million each year - for every £1 they invest in us, we invest about £15 ourselves.

In any case, the contribution by foreigners to Britain's capital stock is not great enough to offset the relative lack of investment that has characterised our economy since the war. Enterprise, our European partners know, like charity, starts at

Even if we did strive to be the developed world's biggest net importer of capital, it is still not clear how you actually go about achieving that. The Government is fond of saying that Japanese and Korean investors are keen to invest in the UK because we have opted out of Brussels regulation and do not have a minimum wage. But, in fact, the kind of investment we attract is to a degree that will fundamentally hardly the kind that relies on paying wages of less than £4 an hour. Indeed, foreign companies in the UK pay far higher wages, on averan UK employers.

One of the great contributions of foreign settlement here - like Nissan in Sunderland - has been to demonstrate to British employers such as Rover - that treating staff as commodities is a poor way of motivating them. Paying poverty wages and putting workers in unsafe conditions are not in the style of large, profitable international companies. They are far more prevalent in small, unprofitable local companies.

If Mr Major's caricature of Heseltine economics can offer only limited advances for our nation, then what about the other element of the grand design - that we should be the business services capital of Europe? One should not overstate the gains to be made in this direction. And one should not underestimate the

political challenges in pursuing it. The ideas that must be championed to keep Britain in the centre of things would not naturally fall on to the agenda of a Conservative Party conference. They include continuing improvements to public transport, shifting the burden of tax from business to individuals, the freer movement of people across borders and, above all, a clear commitment to stay right in the heart of Europe. Michael Howard would not be so concerned with endlessly drafting new criminal justice bills; he would use his authority in the Home Office to shorten the disgraceful and time-wasting queues at Heathrow immigration control - queues which make it less attractive to land here than it ought to be.

As a country, we should not be considering imposing fines on employers who hire foreigners, nor should we be in the business of fining international broadcasters (as we did MTV recently) for breaching domestic television regulations. We should be making ourselves hospit-able - acting as a salesman rather than a regulator.

There is no strong lobby in the

onservative Party for these kinds of policies - and for several of them there is a strong lobby against. Indeed, it is possible that Labour would find it easier to champion the liberal internationalism that unders them than the Conservatives.

How about that goal of making Britain a little more like Hong Kong? It is this that John Redwood has in mind when he talks about Enterprise Britain. The problem with this route is that there is simply no appetite among the British public, or among the Conservative Party, for such a route to be followed to its logical end. Removing income support and the health service are simply not on the agenda. If anything, Hong Kong is more likely to move in our direction, now it has achieved a high level of per capita GDP, rather than the reverse.

Certainly, there is a consensus in the Conservative Party that we can move in the direction of deregulalter the structure of the economy. So, while Enterprise Britain might be a great concept and while it might pass the important tests of sful mission statement, Mr

Major will still have his work cut out designing the programme of govern-ment that would follow from it. He may well be distracted by the temptations of populism - fundamentally inconsistent with Enterprise Britain - on the way. In practice, what he will achieve for the economy, at best, is a modest set of measures that enhance Britain's natural position as a global, outward-looking nation and slightly enhance the GDP.

Politically, however, the prize could be greater. In a year in which the banter of "fat cat" debate has led the Government into a surprising and extreme form of defensiveness. the public could again be made to see the sense of Conservative probusiness policies. Certainly, the Tories can now argue, the policies may make for some podgy felines but all in a good cause.

If they can, then it may be Labour which finds itself as the party in the greatest need of a positive economic

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# Diary

## RUTH DUDLEY EDWARDS

The What-is-the-World-Coming-to? Department this week contains gloomy reading from the London Library's Annual Report about thieving members (and unprecedented security arrangements), but there is some reassuring news that England is still England.

"The library's memory is long," records the Librarian, "but not so long as to have kept it in mind that a volume of Lord Albemarie's Memoirs of Rockingham and his Contemporaries, long since replaced, was still in orbit. Shortly after publication in 1852, it had been taken out by a nobleman. Last uner, during a shelf-check of a country house library in Yorkshire, it came to light and some 140 years later the boxrower's descendants returned it to St James's Square with due apologies."

"Have you seen it before?" asked the tenant of my affections last Wednesday, bouncing excitedly at having unexpectedly secured us tickets for the English National Opera's Carmen. Slightly abashed, I admitted that the nearest I'd got had been the movie version of Oscar Hammerstein's all-black Carmen Jones, [in which the love-crazed, tragic Don Jose - played by Harry Belafonte - was transmognified into

Now none of your horty-toitiness, I warned. "Carmen Jones was wonderful. I still remember it vividly. So I was a bit upset when I looked it up in my guide to Hollywood musicals

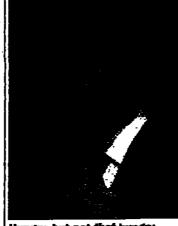


and saw the film described as a "torrid musical melodrama" full of two-dimensional stereotypes ... always at odds with the glorious music". However, I was only 10 when I saw it, so perhaps I can be forgiven such a lapse of taste. The ENO Carmen was glorious,

although Don Jose was small and perfectly formed rather than hunkish. and I kept expecting the mid-nineteenth century Spaniards to break into such Hammerstein lyrics as "Beat Out Dat Rhythm on a Drum". It was in the middle of the night that it suddenly came to me that the time is ripe for a remake of Carmen Jones and that OJ Simpson is

A transatiantic mole faxed me an invitation issued by the Oxford Society of Washington ("This outpost of Oxford University in the nation's capital") to a sherry reception and afternoon tea in honour of the "most brilliant and courageous Irish historian of his generation" - my friend Roy Foster, Professor of Irish History at Oxford - at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel next Saturday. The charge for the sherry reception and afternoon ten is \$25.50 per person, which includes a sherry and mineral water bar and a beautiful and delicious three-course (sested and served) "Afternoon Tea Meal", during which "Oxonians can expect a memorable visit and

speech". I served my Oxbridge time in Cambridge, where the dons were certainly no strangers to gluttony, but even at the sybaritic Peterbouse, where Michael Portillo acquired his winning ways, they did not go in for sherry and three-course teas at



Hungry, but not that hungry

I know that Hampstead is a foreign country and they do things differently there, but because it's in London and a handful of my best friends live there I forget its essential otherness. Yesterday morning, recollecting (in whatever is the hangover equivalent of tranquility) the argument at a dinner there between me and my Gucci-socialist host, I recalled the conversation with my Hampstead friends Jill and Lewis which best sums up the place:

"Why, oh why, do you live in W35 or wherever it is?" asked Lewis one day. "Come and live near us."
"I don't want to," I whinged. "I like living among real people."

"Perhaps, darling," snapped Jill, who is a licensed Hampstead bolshie, when Ruth comes out of her house in the morning she doesn't necessarily want to bump into three

Alan Howarth has been

psychoanalysts and a lady novelist."

inspirational. George Hummer provided the clerihew:

Alan Howarth New Labour woweth In the home of the Bard of Avon His choice is craven

And here are two shots at what Mike Bradshaw describes as a 'pterrordactyl". First Sebastian Robinson:

Sputtering feebly, the Stratford Conservatives Learned that their Member had Shown them the door: "Tells all the Sundays quite Undiplomatically -Treads on our toes while he's Crossing the Floor."

And then Mike's sombre warning:

Conservative Chairman Smiling malevolence Now the majority's Fallen to five Exceedingly doubtful Stratford chameleon Crossing the Commons can

Now for some of your suggestions for the missing lines in the Eurolimerick which begins "Una belle ragazza di Gela/Had a torrid affair with a sailor" and ends "Wie war denn dass fur ein Fehler!".

"Mais son cher matelot/Only sucked her big toe" (John Bailie); "All of 69 ways/Mais sans capotes anglaises" (Andrew Hayes of the European Public Health Alliance -"in the interests of positive health

protection");
"Nació su bebé/A Toulon, sur le quai," (Geoffrey Lintott);
"C'est le roulis, mam'selle, du bâteau.' No un rollo, señor, de linôleo?" " (Tony Scoffield).

I drew the names out of my Orangeman's bowler and Tony won, so he gets the prize. Henceforward, when sending me verse written in foreign tongues, please, please send translations. It is a bit much when a linguistic moron is expected to understand even Finnish.

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# Boxing: the final blow?

ers and crowds of chanting drunkards. As he fell to the ground, a riot broke out, and several members of the audience smeared their chests with the dead man's blood.

With concern visibly mounting with each new death or maining, it is difficult to believe that boxing can survive unscathed. The outright banning of boxing would be hard to justify in the face of the enthusiasm of the boxers and their audiences, but those who support the sport should think carefully about the price of their continuing fun.

The dead man, James Murray, was a consenting adult. He knew he faced pain and injury, and risked brain damage or and injury, and risked drain damage of death, but he walked into a boxing ring nevertheless. High risk in itself is not enough to justify banning someone from doing something – so long as they are aware of exactly what the dangers are. But boxing is not just one more dangerous sport like mountaineering and motor racing, where the aim is to achieve something in spite of the risk of injury. In boxing, injury itself is the objective. The very aim of each move is to harm - to punch a man so hard that he can't stand up again.

Boxing's enthusiastic audience - though distressed by the weekend's events - will defend the sport to the hilt. It is a highly skilled encounter of attack, feint and

On Friday night a man was pummelled to death watched by hundreds of people, including rows of black-tie dincal endurance under round after round of beatings.

But no matter how much you admire the skill of the fighters, or how much you romanticise the story of each fight, the fact remains that these are two men trying to inflict serious injuries upon each other, and far too often succeeding. The question for boxing's advocates is whether the positive side of the sport justifies the negative, or whether elements of the game should be sacrificed to make it safer.

There are several possibilities. The art and skill of the ducking and diving would be preserved in a three- or five-round fight. Even a 10-round fight, rather than the present 12 rounds, would reduce the chance that exhausted boxers will receive damaging blows to the brain. It is true that these kinds of reforms would remove the test of endurance involved in fighting to the bitter end - but that may be a necessary sacrifice. Another possible change would be to outlaw punches to the head. Again, this would alter the sport in a fairly

profound way.

As yet there is little sign of waning support for boxing. Yet the outcry is growing tangibly with each new tragedy. After watching 11 championship fights in the past 10 years end in serious brain damage or death, it must be time to change the nature of the sport - what would be counter-attack, spotting the opponent's lost is not worth people dying for.



Survey the current state of race relations in the United States and you could be forgiven for fearing the worst: A Republican Congress is driving through its "Contract With America", whose cuts in welfare and social programmes read like a contract on poor, black America. Affirmative Action is under challenge. The acquittal of OJ Simpson has appalled whites and exhilarated blacks, and spurred talk of a "white backlash". And now what may prove to be the biggest demonstra-tion in the history of black America will be led by a man who has sneered at women and Catholics, described Jews as bloodsuckers and who is regarded by most whites (and many blacks) as the incarnation of racial intolerance and evil. And so is the Big Bang at hand? Not a bit of it. Paradoxically, Louis Farrakhan's "Million Man March" in Washington today may be just what America's anguished and guiltridden debate on race requires.

For one thing, the radical Nation of Islam movement, which he leads, is barely 50,000 strong, hardly a threat to American civilisation. Indisputably, Mr Farrakhan has a record of anti-Semitism, and certainly he sees the march as a means of increasing his stature in black politics. More important, however, he is a black "nationalist", dismayed at the condition of black society and convinced that since a white government cannot or will not help, blacks themselves must put their house in order. Hence the march's goal of black male "atonement" as a first step to rescuing their community from self-destruction by broken families, crime, drugs and illegitimacy.

It is also an historical watershed. Thirty-two years ago, Martin Luther

King led his own march on Washington, to proclaim his dream of an integrated. colourblind society, in which blacks and whites lived in equality and harmony. Alas, a dream it has remained. Blacks have reached a dead end in the national political system, taken for granted by Democrats and ignored by a Republican Party rooted in the white suburbs. That, and not a special fondness for Mr Farrakhan, is why such disparate elements as the Black Congressional Caucus, several big city black mayors and the Rev Jackson himself, back the march. Things, they insist, must change. And change they may, though probably not as they might have foresee Colin Powell will not be at the March.

But if anyone has a chance of transforming the pyschology of black America, it is he. We do not know if the retired general will run for president, though the prospect grows steadily more likely. But if he does, as a Republican, he would be the favourite to win. Yes, he is a "whites' black" who arouses no fears and embodies the racial reconciliation which most Americans yearn for, and who is less popular among blacks than the white but Democratic Mr Clinton. But polls reveal something else: that a third of blacks would support a Republican for the White House were he General Powell. A black man in the Oval Office, head of state, commander-in-chief of the US armed forces, and supreme symbol of his nation for the entire world: if that comes about, the effect on black America would surely be electrifying. Compared with that, the Million Man March is a sideshow - but a sideshow that stands on its own

ANOTHER VIEW Andrea Stuart

## More nightmare than dream

The decision of Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam to hold a rally at Broadwater Farm, north London, is a magnificent piece of showmanship. Ten years after the riots that led to the death there of PC Keith Blakelock, and the suspicious convictions that followed, Broadwater Farm remains an emotional flashpoint for the black community. Where hetter to hold a recruitment drive for his movement, which sermonises about black pride while simultaneously demonising the white race?

But then the movement, with its severely suited masculine disciples selling its apocalyptically entitled newspaper, The Final Call, has an alluring theatricality. And Mr Farrakhan has generated an international media frenzy with his "Million Man March" on Washington, in which a million Afro-Americans will today demonstrate their political muscle by walking on the nation's capital.

His avowed intention is to show the world "a vastly different picture of the black male" and though he exploits popular memories of the great civil rights marches of the Sixties, the Million Man March is not "the dream" that Martin Luther King envisaged. Mr Farrakhan's order that black women stay at home, and his frequent racist remarks, will mean that instead of a spirit of brotherhood, the march must take place in the sort of atmosphere of hostility that would make

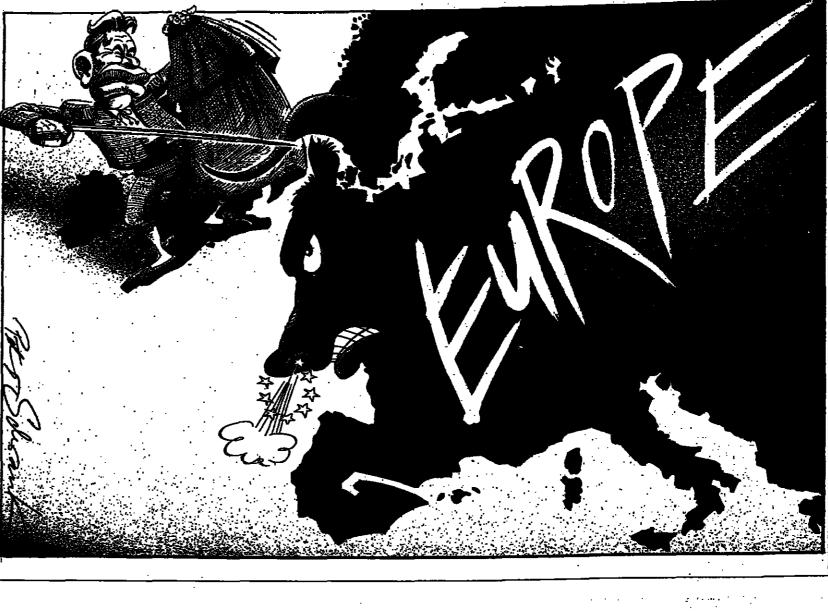
Dr King spin in his grave. Mr Farrakhan is the most recent in a

have preached separatism and conjured up dreams of black independence. Charismatic and clean-cut, he is in many ways the shadow side of General Colin Pow ell. But while General Powell symbolises the still enduring possibilities of the American Dream, Mr Farrakhan is the product of the nightmarish obverse.

Many black people are profoundly offended by Mr Farrakhan's anti-Semitism and belief in the subservience of women. They are unconvinced about the fantasies he spins about a separate black state. But his rhetoric does at least acknowledge the profound sense of disenfranchisement and disillusion that many blacks feel. Indeed, his message of black self-empowerment and pride have been enormously seductive to many Afro-Americans. And there is no reason to imagine it would be any different in Britain, where a disproportionate number of black men are winding up in prison, on the dole, or in mental institutions.

It is likely that his rally will be a success. It will be hard to resist the enormous hype by proxy that will be generated by the Million Man March. But it will be a success built as much on our failure to provide support for those who are poorly served by our community as much as one built on the often reprehensible message Mr Farrakhan conveys to the world.

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## - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

## Lilley's demolition of the asylum process

From Mr David Bull Sir: The conference season may produce many empty promises, but there is unlikely to be one more hollow than the Social Security Secretary's claim that the UK will continue "to help genuine refugees" ("Lilley to curb benefits for asylum-seekers", 12 October). The measures announced yesterday by Peter Lilley amount to an effective describition of the soulur research. demolition of the asylum process and therefore an abdication of the Government's responsibilities

under international law. "Those fleeing persecution are not, of course, familiar with the complexities of UK immigration law and, accordingly, many have legitimate and wholly understandable reasons for applying for asylum only after entering the country, rather than immediately upon arrival. Having experienced state oppression first hand, and possibly still traumatised as a result, they may be fearful of authority and hopeful of seeking the help and support of friends, relatives and advice agencies before putting their fate in the

hands of officials. Mr Lilley's blanket curb on incountry applicants' access to benefits makes no allowance for this, and therefore constitutes a wholly unjustifiable deterrence to such genuine asylum claims.

The position of those who do apply for asylum immediately on arrival, however, is not much better. It is inevitable that the Home Office will make mistakes when determining asylum claims, and an effective appeals mechanism is essential to the rectification of unjust refusals. Last year,
235 people won their appeal
against the refusal of asylum - 10
per cent of all appeals heard.
It is a matter of public disgrace
that Home Office ministers

should compliantly allow the Social Security Secretary to scapegoat refugees in order to hide the failings and inefficiencies in his own department. Despite huge increases in personnel, the number of cases dealt with by the HO asylum division has fallen in each of the past two years - from 35,000 in 1992 to 21,000 in 1994 - and delays in reaching initial decisions remain unacceptably long, during which time benefits will now be unavailable to most asylum-seekers.

It is these inefficiencies, and the resultant wastage of public funds, that ministers should be addressing. Yours faithfully, DAVID BULL Director **Amnesty International** 

Sir: Peter Lilley went on at length in his Blackpool speech about the abuse of the benefits system by alleged bogus asylum seekers. As an immigration consultant, I have as clients a small number of asylum seekers. Most of them have been waiting a long time for the Home Office to decide on their cases; some of these draw state benefits while the Home

Office bureaucrats make up their

minds about their future. I have on my books a couple from a West African state who arrived in England in December 1987 and sought asylum. The wife at the time was pregnant and since they were granted limited leave of entry, they have become the parents of four children, the oldest of which will be eligible for British citizenship in two years' time. To date, the couple haven't even been interviewed.

While I accept that Mr Lilley does have a point, perhaps it might be prudent for him to direct his attacks towards the Home Secretary whose department is primarily responsible for this situation. Yours faithfully. E. P. MAYNE **GPA Consultancy Services** Citizenship and Immigration

## New universities underfunded

From Mr David Triesman
Sir: The finding ("Teaching at
new universities fails to make the
grade", 12 October) that ratings higher education teaching. for teaching excellence tend to coincide with research excellence ratings is unsurprising. The ethos of a university largely depends on the interrelation between research and teaching. The tra-

ditional universities have, traditionally, been funded to undertake research alongside teaching both undergraduates and postgraduate students. The new universities have not benefited from that tradition to the same degree, despite many important initiatives often supported by the enthusiasm of their staff.

There is much evidence to suggest that the new universities could more successfully contribute to the research and development powerhouse of UK plc, directly related to total funding en the appropriate resources.

The special earmarked "development research" fund needs to be enhanced significantly to allow the new universities a fairer share of research resources. The process, however, must involve additional resources and not be part of a robbing-Peter-to-pay-Paul, robbing-old-to-pay-new, process. That would be government shooting itself in both feet. It would be absurd to diminish the quality of research in the older universities both because of its intrinsic value and its contri-

bution to teaching excellence. Research is investment in the nation's future. Good investment pays for itself. Universities, old and new, are starved of resources, which affects not just the develop-

ment of the nation's wealth but also what its people achieve through

Yours faithfully, DAVID TRIESMAN General Secretary, Association of University Teachers London, Wil

From Mr Raymond H. Brunskill Sir: Fran Abrams correctly states "in chemistry, computer science and history, only one department in the entire former polytechnic sector was found to be excellent".

As head of that one department, I am well placed to comment on the assumption that teaching quality is directly related to research rating. High research ratings attract additional funding which enable a higher level of resource to be deployed. It is likely that teaching quality is

rather than research rating. The recent quality assessment exercise carried out in computer science at Scottish universities concluded that the computer science teaching was underfunded across all Scottish universities. As a result, Scottish universities have been given additional funds. Since only 10 per cent of computer science departments assessed by the Higher Education Funding Council for England were rated excellent, it is apparent that funding for computer science in all institutions needs to be increased.

Yours faithfully, RAYMOND H. BRUNSKILL Dean, School of Computing and Mathematics University of Teesside Middlesbrough, Cleveland

#### Social Security benefits. For Lottery link CSA performance 1995-96, we are on track to has improved From Dr Neil Chalmers achieve the arrangement or col-

London, EC1

12 October

From Mr Tony Ward Sir: Although Polly Toynbee's article ("Why single mothers baf-fle Mr Lilley", 11 October) raises a number of interesting discussion points, I am disappointed to see that she is recycling the same misinformed comparisons about the amounts of money collected by the Child Support Agency and the "old system", as she describes it.

The agency's performance has improved dramatically since the difficult first year of operation. and over £187m child maintenance was paid in 1994-95 as a direct result of CSA action. Of this, £138m went to parents looking after children.

Our work that year also saved taxpayers some £479m that would otherwise have been paid in

Analysis of the

pulsar discovery

From Professor A. Hewish, FRS

Sir: Allow me to correct an

untrue statement about the pul-

sar discovery, ascribed to John

Maddox, and quoted by Paul

Vallely in his article (News

Analysis; "The Nobel art of

picking winners", 10 October) on the Nobel awards. He writes

. though Hewish was director

of the project, it was a research

assistant, Jocelyn Bell, who did

The actual work involved a sky

survey of scintillating radio galax-

ies which I conceived and for

which I designed and built a new

radio telescope especially sensi-

tive to rapid changes of source

intensity. Jocelyn ran the survey

for her PhD research and

reported an unusual source show-

ing strong intensity variations,

apparently changing its position

by about one degree and some-

times disappearing for several

the actual work".

lection of £300m in maintenance. and we forecast savings to the taxpayer of some £500m.

body, let alone the difficult cases To date, we have traced nearly 100,000 absent parents whose whereabouts were previously unknown. We are publicly committed to recommencing work before the end of 1995 on cases where we deferred action at the end of last year so that we could effectively tackle those cases where the absent parent is trying to avoid their financial liability. Hardly a fiasco or an organisation on the verge of collapse. Yours sincerely, TONY WARD Director of Operations

I decided to investigate more

closely using a high-speed recorder which Jocelyn operated

and recorded the first pulses. I

then analysed the pulse phase

which gave more accurate posi-

tional data and found that the

position was actually constant.

measurements which showed

the incredible precision of the

pulses and I exploited this, via

the Doppler effect, to confirm

that the signals could not be

from intelligent beings on a dis-

tant planet - a possibility that

could not be ignored. I also

organised measurements of the

radio spectrum which enabled

me to estimate the distance of

There was more to the dis-

covery than is often realised

from popular accounts of the

the source.

Yours sincerely,

Cambridge

11 October

ANTONY HEWISH

Department of Physics

University of Cambridge

work.

I set up and made the timing

Child Support Agency London, SW1 13 October

Sir: Lord Gowrie is right to urge the Prime Minister to keep his promise that National Lottery funding will not replace existing We have not abandoned anygovernment spending (Another View, 11 October). Unfortunately, it is all too likely that this promise will not be kept. Virginia

Consultants

Guildford, Surrey

Bottomley may well be opposed to William Waldegrave's idea of lottery-funded endowments for the arts, but she is asking chairmen and directors of national museums and galleries funded by the Department of National Heritage to plan for a 3 per cent cut in grant-in-aid funding in 1997-98. There has also been a decline in real terms in the grant-in-aid

that the Natural History Museum, among others, has experienced in recent years, and a more immediate cut in the coming financial year is threatened. Given that museums and galleries are vital to one of the few growth areas of Britain, namely leisure and tourism, this policy goes directly against the Government's intention to increase wealth generation and improve the quality of life.

The link between the arrival of the lottery and the decline in goverament funding seems to me to be inescapable. The lottery is being used to replace government funding by the back door.

NEIL CHALMERS Natural History Museum

London, SW7

## Unremunerated

From Dr R. Davies Sir: Nicola Jayne Enston (Letters, 12 October) should be aware that most NHS consultants do contribute much of their work on a pro bono basis, by working in excess of their contracted hours for no additional remuneration. Yours faithfully, R. DAVIES

## Need to speak and write English

From Mr Ian Small Sir: Gillian Shephard's "new' initiative to record oral scores at GCSE English is actually nothing new at all ("Shephard to penalise 'grunting' youngsters', 12 October). Until 1993, GCSE English grades did record both a written and oral component. Then the National Curriculum Council in its wisdom (led, sad to say, by an English specialist) cancelled that information and helpful addition, against the advice of professional English teachers and the Headmasters' Conference who feit that the different qualities of spoken and written English should be properly recognised.

Boys and girls need to be able to use the language effectively in both its written and spoken forms, in order to demonstrate their competence. So we are delighted that Mrs Shephard is returning to good practice and good sense. With some luck might we soon see the return of a proper valuation of GCSE course work (which diminished on the whim of John Major)?

I shall be quite happy to make the case for that either orally or in writing, whichever Mrs Shephard would prefer. Yours faithfully, LAN SMALL

Headmaster Bootham School York 12 October

### Wartime history of the SAS

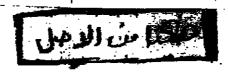
From Mr Sydney Hudson Sir: As a wartime operational member of the organisation on which the SAS was founded - the Special Operations Executive - I read the report of Michael Portillo's speech to the Conservative conference with some amusement ("Portillo whips up nationalist frenzy", 11 October).

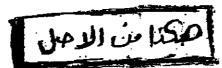
In his admiring references to the SAS, Mr Portilio forgot to mention that the SOE was established on the instructions of Winston Churchill with the specified objectives of "setting Europe

The task was to be carried out by initiating and supporting the various national resistance groups operating against Nazi occupation and tyranny. It seems strange that the present Secretary of State for Defence appears now to regard the SAS as a symbol of British resistance against the eventuality of Continental

I would like to add that, in those distant days of the underground struggle, the vision of a Europe united for peace was a tenet of the belief in a better world to come which inspired many resistance fighters. To some, who still survive, this ideal remains very much alive. Yours sincerely, SYDNEY HUDSON Special Forces Club London, SW1

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# comment

# The right climate for tax on fuel

Scientific consensus about global warming is growing so why are the politicians unable to act?

At the end of this year an obscure but important body called the Intergovernmental Panel On Climate of scientists has disproved global warming and it is all a big scare. Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change will publish a fat report on the science of global warming.

If the IPCC's draft version leaked on to the Internet last month is anything to go by, this United Nations document will show that the scientific consensus is strengthening: pollution is very likely to alter climate over much of the earth's surface in the next centary. The scientists are saying that we are probably sceing this already, in the run of exceptionally warm years in the 1980s and 1990s. This year will also turn out to be an unusually hot one, not just in Britain but in terms of aver-

age temperatures around the globe.
When the final version of the IPCC science report is released the qualifications will be there. One hundred per cent certainty cannot be provided for systems as complex as the earth's atmosphere, oceans, ice-caps and life, which all interact in shaping the planet's response to humanity's mas-

But even the qualified conclusions will be sufficient to spark an explosion of alarming and vivid headlines. It's a funny business, this global warming. Most of the time the media and society ignore the issue. Every now and then we have big stories warning us that sea levels will rise and tropical plagues spread as temperatures rise. Droughts and floods will become more common. Then, not quite as frequently, we get the big debunking

So what are we to conclude from all this? And what measures would it be sensible for modern industrial societies to take in the face of continuing uncertainty about a threat that was first recognised almost 100 years ago, when Sven Arrhenuis, a Swedish chemist, made the first prediction

about man-made global warming?

In 1896 Arrhenuis calculated that if
the burning of fossil fuels doubled the
concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, then temperatures would rise by around 5 degrees Centigrade. In the 99 years since then we have frantically burnt coal, oil and gas, and we can be sure that if we go on at present rates the atmospheric concen-tration of carbon dioxide will, midway through the next century, reach dou-ble pre-industrial levels. We also now know that we are adding several other kinds of "greenhouse gas" to the atmosphere - methane, CFCs - which are even better than carbon dioxide at

trapping heat in the lower atmosphere. But although the hundreds of cli-mate scientists who contribute to the IPCC have matle much progress in the past decade in understanding what we are doing to the planetary thermostat, they are still at least five years away from giving a precise estimate of how rapidly average global temperatures

They are fairly certain that Arrhenuis's alarming 5 degrees for a



NICHOLAS SCHOON

Every government wants to know which countries will suffer the most damage.

doubling of carbon dioxide is a little too high. Their low- to middle-range estimates inpoly rates of warming and resulting sea level rise that are within the bounds of what advanced industrial societies (but not crowded, poor countries) can easily cope with for the next 50 years - and whoever thinks further ahead than that?

What every government wants to know most of all is how regional climates will change. Which countries will suffer the most damaging changes; which ones might even benefit from benign climate shifts?

The scientists are probably at least 10 years from making good regional predictions. They need computing power much greater than that of the number-crunching supercomputers they now employ for their simulations of the world's changing atmosphere and oceans.

This is high science, involving dozens of research groups which colaborate and debate. It is not the kind of work that throws out an abrupt cons, when suddenly everyone can agree that pollution has already caused this much climate change and will go on to do that much more in the next x years. It churns out probabili-

Those with vested interests watch this unfold, then put their own spin on things. The USA's gigantic fossil fuel industry, along with oil exporters like Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, play up the uncertainties. Their lobbyists stoop to suggesting that the scientists exaggerate in order to get their research

Some environmentalists, meanwhile, suggest that every extreme weather incident is a manifestation of man-made climate change - forgetting that at any one time extreme and unusual weather is being experienced somewhere in the world. The nuclear power industry also likes global warming because it generates electricity with far less of the "greenhouse gas" pol-lution of its fossil fuel rivals.

The media simply wants good, strong stories. So climate change is either very serious, or a scare, or off

While the scientists plod ahead in trying to ascertain the threat, the sen-

sible response is not to do nothing. relying on adapting to climate change once it happens. It is to take measures that reduce our reliance on fossil fuels without harming the economy.

These so called "no regrets" measures are a moral as well as a rational response to the threat, which is why many politicians advocate them. The m, as ever, is that they tend to pay lip service to them.

Take one example close to home. At a time when the real cost of household energy is falling (gas and electricity bills are coming down) there is an excellent environmental case for plac-ing higher taxes on fossil fuels. That would encourage people to use less of them and curb pollution.

The revenue raised should first be used to make sure those worst affected (the poor and the elderly) can keep warm in winter, by installing better insulation and more efficient heating systems. The second call on this revenue should be to reduce taxes that keep people out of work, such as income tax and employers' National Insurance contributions.

But what do we get? A botched, enormously controversial introduc-tion of VAT on electricity and gas in which no politician seriously advocated the environmental case. The Government introduced it simply because it needed to raise the money, and Labour is hinting at getting rid of it simply to raise votes. And the bigger picture of a planet in real danger is ignored.

floundered in the post-Cold War years.

is possible to be. Nato was founded, and has lasted

for 40 years, on the basis of a politi-

cal equation that is paraphrased thus:

to keep the Americans in, the Russians

is self-evidently no longer a sustainable

Europe needs a serious debate

to be kept in, then on what terms?

Mr Claes is merely

the wrong man in the

wrong place at the

wrong time

within new structures of European

made to work while both organisations

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set of arguments.

## Kipling's best with added zest

I was extremely surprised to learn that the favourite poem of the British is Kipling's "If". Actually, I do not believe it is the favourite poem of the British. I think if you took volume of sales rather than a telephone poll as your guideline, you would find that the poem most often bought by the British is in a greetings card and goes along this sort of line:

On your very special day, We wish you all the best. And if you plan to go away, Don't forget your vest. No one, however, voted for

that or anything much like it, and our taste for greeting card verse, limericks, bawdy rugby ballads and all the things we really like best was conveniently forgotten. Kipling's "If" was duly voted into first place and the pundits duly and enjoyably mocked the choice.

I did not mock the choice, though. That is because I was trying to think of another version of the message in "If" that I had come across somewhere, and I knew that if only I traced it, important locked areas would be opened up to me.

It took me several days, but finally I cracked it. There is another version of "If" and it goes like this: If you can keep your head

While all about you Are losing theirs, They probably know

Something you don't know.

I came across this priceless bit of advice, which seems to me a vast improvement on Kipling, in a book called The New Official Rules, a book that I always thought should be world-famous but which never seems to have spread beyond Mr Claes is fast becoming as potent a symbol of this political ineptitude as a coterie. It was compiled by Paul Dickson, an American lexicographer who compiles and entertains simultaneously.

Dickson had the simple but rewarding idea of putting together a book which conout and the Germans in check. This tained all the non-scientific laws known to man, from the Peter Principle to Sod's Law. Most of these laws get a sin-

about its security. If the Americans are gle book devoted to them, much as Parkinson's Law was How important is the US nuclear expanded to fill a whole book, are nuclear weapons?

If the Russians are to be kept out, then how is the gap-to be bridged between the West and Moscow? What be nice to fillet them all out, take off the unnecessary garn-ishes and serve them all in one volume. The result was The will happen to states such as Ukraine? If the Germans are to be kept in check New Official Rules, and it has been through several editions and revisions since I have known it.

The first edition, as I remember, included a long discussion of Murphy's Law, which is the old one about "If a thing can go wrong, it will go wrong, and all the possible extensions of Murphy's Law. Most of these seemed to be along the lines of predicting that the other traffic lanes on Union integration, how will the EU and Nato inter-relate? Can this be motorways will always go faster than yours, and it is no use

changing lane because now your new lane will go slowest; or that whichever queue you join in a bank will go slower than all the other queues. This is no longer true, of course, as the people who run banks have read this book and decided to amalgamate all those queues into one long and slow queue so everyone is now discriminated against.

(This may not be true in New York. I have not been to New York for years, but the last time I was there all the banks had multiple queues and all these queues were slower than any queue anywhere else in the world. It is a total fallacy about the pace of life being faster in New York. The pace of life is actually very slow in New York. It takes ages to get anywhere, find anyone. hail a taxi, get a parking space or be given a restaurant seat and be served. Only in a very slow city like New York would people even think of queuing



up for a restaurant seat. People in New York seem to move fast because they are always trying to catch up, but the pace is actually very slow and that is why people champ and rage and get ulcers and twitch.)

All these rules were good solid stuff, but they were a little predictable, and I am glad to see that most of them have been eliminated in later editions or relegated to the introduction. What has happened is that readers have constantly submitted their own observations to Dickson and gradually the book has become a repository of wisdom covering those areas of life which nothing else covers, not the Bible and not Einstein's Theory of tainly. Try these:

A memo is not sent to inform the recipient. It is sent to safeguard the sender."

"Anything designed to do more than one thing does no thing very well."
"The spouse of the chroni-

cally ill patient dies first."
"If you don't want your children to hear what you are saying, pretend you are talking

"Getting rid of all your baby clothes and furniture is one of the main causes of pregnancy." Paint splashes last longer than the paint job itself."

More of this tomorrow.

# Who wants this impossible job?

Any castle is only as strong as its weakest point. Nato, which for 40 vears was the West's strategic defence against the Eastern bloc, is uncomfortably aware that as it prepares to launch its biggest-ever operation in Bosnia, its weakest point is right at the top. In the alliance's inner sanctum sits a man who is probably about to be charged with corruption: Willy Claes, the Nato Secretary-General.

Yet the danger to Nato is not that it will be taken by storm or betrayed from within. It is that it will simply become irrelevant, like the pic-

European landscape, The row over Mr Claes symbolises the lack of political will that exists at the heart of Nato. If Europe had become the kind of place that no longer needed to have its security

## The row over Mr Claes symbolises the lack of political will at the heart of Nato

firmly underpinned, that would not matter; but with the threat of conflict ever present to the east and south, it

Mr Claes has become a symptom of political decay. For months his alleged involvement in a long-running Belgian scandal concerning the payment of bribes in connection with the purchase of military hardware has been the talk of Brussels. Augusta, the Italian helicopter company, was found to have made payments to Mr Claes's Flemish Socialist Party in return for aircraft orders when he was Belgian economics minister. It has been evident since Mr Claes first admitted that he has known that cash was offered in return for aircraft orders that something had to be done. Yet nobody has lifted a finger. And he will certainly not go on his own. Now that the cumbersome Belgian

legal system appears ready to put the cuffs on Mr Claes and take him downtown, the alliance's 16 nations will be

forced to do something.

They have not acted before because they quite simply lacked the will to confront the many problems that are entailed in finding a new secretary-

Mr Claes himself only emerged from a grubby process of trading. He is there mainly because he's Belgian. and John Major would not allow another Belgian, Jean-Luc Dehaene, to hold Europe's other top job, President of the European Commission. For similar reasons the allies have failed to get to grips with many of the

'Willygate' is about to claim Nato's Secretary-General and Andrew Marshall fears replacing him will distract from the real problem facing the awkward alliance







Willy Claes (top), and the favourites to succeed him at Nato, Uffe Ellemann-Jensen and Douglas Hard (left)

would pretend that the break-up of the Soviet Union could be handled easily, quickly or without argument in an alliance that is predicated on the existence of a hostile super-power on the doorstep. But the slow pace of change, the lack of imagi-nation, the frequent reversals and side-stepping have become increasingly embarrassing.

A historical opportunity has been

body blames everybody else.

In Europe, the Americans are held up as the primary culprit. Washington has failed to exercise political leadership: it is charged with having vaciliated between a policy of "Russia first" and Nato expansion, and then overplayed its hand in the Balkans. There is an element of truth in this. Bill Clinton's foreign strategic hot potatoes that have been strategic hot potatoes that have been dumped in Nato's lap. Nobody policy in Europe and they have policy has had more than a touch of

reacted with indecision and short-sightedness. For this, of course, every-coherence established only in the past six months.

But the real problem lies in the European side of the alliance. The weak, divided and myopic political leadership that reigns in every European country is virtually incapable of coming to sound, long-term rational decisions. Fixated by economic weakness, riven by partisan political struggles and undermined by corruption scandals, European governments have

#### minister, Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, is said to be the favourite. A reluctant Douglas Hurd is also said to have the backing of a number of European leaders, although his hands-off approach to the war in former igoslavia means he is unlikely to find favour in Washington. As they seek a new name to pull out of the hat, European governments will inevitably confront the old and tired debate between Europeans and Atlanticists. It will all prove a diversion from the more profound existential questions that Nato ought to be facing up to. And the omens -Michael Portillo's Blackpool speech and a resurgent Gaullism in Paris -do not promise a quick or easy answer.

None of this is the fault of Mr Claes. Innocent or guilty of the charges of corruption, he is merely the wrong man in the wrong place at the wrong time. But every day that he remains in office is a day wasted. The quicker he goes and a successor is found, the quicker that Nato can move to deal with more important



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# **Ellis Peters**

Ellis Peters wrote "Mystoricals". More than any other writer of the past half-century. British or American, Peters - or rather Edith Pargeter, under her best-known pseudonym - popularised this, one of the most enthralling of all of detective fiction's many sub-genres: the mystery set in historical times.

While not the form's creator (that honour must go to the late Lillian de la Torre, the American crime-writer who cleverly transformed Dr Johnson and Boswell into an 18th-century Holmes and Watson, during the course of over 30 highly ingenious short stories). Pargeter was still hugely successful, and this success not only propelled many other writers into trying their hand at similar scenarios, but actually influenced the commercial direction taken by her last publisher. For a period, in the early 1990s, the crime list of Headline was almost entirely devoted to "Mystoricals" set in one era or another. At a time (the 1970s) when

there was a strong vogue for Victorian sleuths, early or late (from Ben Healey's rumbustious Bow Street Runner Jeremy Sturrock to Peter Lovesey's Sergeant Cribb or Donald Thomas's Sergeant Verity), Pargeter deliberately, almost defiantly, went her own way, setting a tale of murder and mystery a full 700 years before then, during the bloody civil war between Stephen and Maud: a fearsome era when, as the ancient chronicler so tellingly put it, "Christ and all his angels slept". This was her 1977 novel A Morbid Taste For Bones (Pargeter had a genius for a clever or arresting title: three others of note being Black is the Colour of My True-Love's Heart, Mourning Raga and A Nice Derangement of Epitaphs).

This, as she termed it, "Me-

dieval whodumnit", written at an age (63) when most women of her generation were just starting to enjoy their retirement, attracted attention and gained enthusiastic reviews. Others followed, all featuring the tough, compassionate but immensely pragmatic (because ex-man-of-blood) Brother Cadfael (pronounced Cad-vile). All were set in or around Shrewsbury, creating in the end, via 20 or so books published over a period of nearly two decades, a minor tourist industry; that part of Shropshire being inevitably dubbed "Brother Cadfael"

country, in much the same way that Tyneside is "Catherine Cookson" and the Yorkshire Dales "James Herriot" country. in making her monkish

sleuth (whose specialist knowl-edge of herbs and simples proved the undoing of many a wolfish wight) an inhabitant of Shrewsbury's Benedictine Abbey of Saints Peter and Paul, Edith Pargeter did not stray far from her roots. She was born, in 1913, in the shadow of the Wrekin, to the east of Shrewsbury in the tiny hamlet of Horsehay, now virtually submerged into the inelegant sprawl of Telford New Town in which, on a brand-new and pleasantly landscaped estate, Pargeter resided in Cadfaeldonated comfort during her latter days.

She was something of a polymath (musicologist, historian, an authority on the Czech language) yet largely self-educated; she never attended university. Instead she spent seven years (1933-40) as a chemist's assistant and wrote in her spare time - successfully. almost from the start.

Nineteen thirty-six was Edith Pargeter's year of miracles. During its course, she appeared in the downmarket 20-Story Magazine and at the same time the thumpingly upmarket Good Housekeeping. She also published two novels, one of which was her first historical, Honensius, Friend of Nero. At this time the publishers Herbert Jenkins. an industrious supplier of pop-ular, entertaining but essen-tially undemanding dross to the library trade, unintentionally acted as a kind of nursery for tiro writers. The adventure novelist Ralph Hammond Innes largely taught himself to write, producing cheap thrillers for Jenkins, and Pargeter followed the same path, turning out, as "Jolyon Carr", a number of mainly woman-in-peril suspensers. Here, working for the chemist paid off, giving her (like Agatha Christie in a similar position during the Great War) a useful knowledge of poi-sons, which she deployed to good effect in Murder in the Dispensary (1938: syrup of chlorai) as well as, under yet another pseudonym, "John Redfern", The Victim Needs a Nurse (1940:

She had a good war. Not only as a Petty Officer in the WRNS, awarded the British Empire Medal "for meritorious ser-

vice" before the conflict actually ended, but as a writer, publishing her first best-seller. the lightly fictionalised diary of a Wren teleprinter operator at the heart of great events, She Goes To War (1942), a popular and a critical success. This spurred her on to her first major series, the "Eighth Champion of Christendom" trilogy -Lame Crusade (1945), Reluctant Odyssey (1946), Warfare Ac-complished (1947) - which de-

scribe, in remarkable detail, the Everyman-ish journey of Jim Benison from Dunkirk (as private) to the fall of Singapore (corporal) and finally to Luneberg Heath (sergeant). Contemporary critics were baffled at a young woman's describing with such skill and gritty realism complex technicalities of modern warfare as well as far-flung theatres (the Libyan Desert, Malaya, the Caen-Falaise Gap) to which she had never been. Years later, Pargeter gleefully admitted that, although a certain amount of the detail had come from her own Signals occupation and

from friends, most had simply

been mugged up from on-the-

spot newspaper reports. She was, like Cadfael (for whom she had a decided tendresse, although nowhere near to the extent that Dorothy Sayers, say, doted on Peter Wimsey), an arch-pragmatist, especially in her professional persona, never contracting for one book when a multi-volume series would do the job better. Her favourite was the "Stonemason" trilogy - The Heaven Tree (1960), The Green Branch (1962), The Scarlet Seed (1963) although the "Brothers of Gwynedd" quartet (1974-77) ran it close since it featured another "heart-throb" (her own amused expression), Llewellyn the Great.

Whilst a consummate professional (manuscripts werê invariably delivered ahead of time, a sharp eye always kept on contracts), she had, perhaps, her surprising sides. In 1938 she felt guilt and anger at what she considered to be Chamberlain's duplicity over Czechoslovakia, a country for which she developed an abiding passion, celebrated in her 1949 travel book The Coast of Bohemia. She learnt the language, initially with a set of 78rpm "Teach Yourself" records, and did much to pro-

of the country's most distinguished writers, including Jan Neruda's Tales of the Little Quarter (1957) and Joseph Bor's small-scale tragic masterpiece about the extraordinary Verdi concert at Auschwitz, The Teresin Requiem (1963). In 1968 she was awarded the Czechoslovak Society for International Relations Gold Medal "for services to Czech literature\*. This she probably appreciated rather more than the awards she received from the Mystery Writers of America (an "Edgar" in 1962) or the British Crime Writers Association (a "Silver Dagger" in 1980). If Edith Pargeter had a mes-

sage in her oexvre - her mainstream novels as well as the Cadfael books and her earlier "Felse family" mysteries - it was that by and large mankind was not entirely irredeemable. Yet she was not pious. Indeed, she had an interesting streak of balefulness in her make-up: her 1965 short story "Tour of the Castle", for instance, features an extremely nasty revenge, and she could on occasion describe in the most full-blooded manner violence and horror and brutality. When she was 82 her right leg was amputated at the knee. This was entirely unre-gretted ("after the hell it had caused me!" she wrote). She was a tough old bird.

Her Cadfael books will be recognised by genre historians as pioneering works. Perhaps she pulled her punches when it came to describing the real muck and blood and stench of the Middle Ages (her successors, however, such as the multi-pseudonymed Paul Doherty, at times went quite the other way), and perhaps too, latterly, her emphasis on the good-ness of her characters was overdone. Even so, she redefined the form by avoiding irony in her work (all right in others' books; not in hers) and concentrating on the alien quality of the past ("they do things differently" as L.P. Hartley famously remarked), while at the same time pointing up the es-sential continuity of the human condition. And she always wrote, whatever the genre, with absolute conviction.

**Jack Adries** 

Edith Mary Pargeter (Ellis Peters), writer: born Horsehay, Stropshire 28 September 1913; BEM 1944;



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#### OBE 1994; died Madeley, Shropmote it, after the war translating over a dozen works by some shire 14 October 1995. ioneering: Edith Pargeter, alias Eliis Peters, creator of Brother Cadfael

Geoffrey Warnock was widely though by no means exclusively known as an acute and subtle philosopher who engaged in a type of analysis that acquired considerable currency during the middle years of the present

The approach involved was markedly critical and antispeculative in temper and was largely inspired – at any rate in the period immediately following the Second World War - by a conviction that the study and detailed investigation of language and its working represented an essential key both to the solution of philosophical problems and to a perspicuous understanding of the sources from which they sprang.

From the beginning of his philosophical career he was deeply impressed by the apparent merits of this approach, specially as exemplified in the influential and finely sensitive work of the Oxford philosopher J.L. Austin. But it would be wrong to think that in his own contributions to the subject he was content to confine himself to exploring its possibilities in any narrowly conceived fashion, his interest in fact broadening out in a number of different



Geoffrey Warnock was born in Leeds, the son of a doctor from Northern Ireland. He was educated at Winchester and awarded a classical scholarship to Oxford in 1941, taking this up four years later after war service in the Irish Guards. At New College, where his tutors included Isaiah Berlin and H.L.A. Hart, he read for a degree in PPE and obtained a first in 1948. The following year he married Mary Wilson, now Baroness Warnock and herself a profesional philosopher, while during the same time being elected to a research fellowship at Magdalen

After an interval as fellow of

dalen, succeeding Austin as a tutorial fellow in philosophy and continuing to teach there until 1971. This period proved to be a most varied and fruitful one. In addition to visiting American universities and participating in discussions and broadcasts, he also became general editor of the comprehensive series of anthologies entitled "Oxford Readings in Philosophy". It was a time, too, when he published a range of books and articles spreading over a number

of distinct spheres and concerns. They showed him to be a hilosopher of great distinction. What he produced was invariably marked by a striking combination of detailed analysis and lucidity of style and ex-pression; he was, indeed, an author of considerable wit and elegance who wrote poetry as well as philosophy - a book of his poems appeared in 1955 and showed impressive impressive accomplishment.

His intellectual and literary gifts were in evidence early on in his study, Berkeley (1953); this, though deliberately selective in scope, was a model of per-ceptive and critical exposition. It was followed in 1958 by the mainly exegetical English Phi-

Brasenose he returned to Mag- losophy since 1900 and then by two books that were indicative of a growing dissatisfaction with current treatments of

The first, Contemporary

Sir Geoffrey Warnock

Moral Philosophy (1967), consisted of an extremely penetrating critique of what he conceived to be major deficiences in recent enquiries, while in its successor, The Object of Morality (1971), he set out lines along which a more positive approach might proceed, fundamental considerations regarding the subject-matter and purposes of morality replacing what he believed to have been an undue and excessively abstract preoccupation with the meaning of very general moral terms and concepts. The result was a comprehensive account, both balanced and humane, which could be said to reflect the objectivity of outlook and fairness and soundness of judgement characteristic of its

Warnock retained throughout his life his early admiration for Austin. In 1962 he prepared for publication the notes for the latter's lectures entitled Sense and Sensibilia: this posthumous reconstruction was a masterpiece of accuracy and skilful exegesis' And it was fitting that his last book, which appeared in 1989, should have been J.L. Austin, a detailed study of Austin's philosophy; fully appreciative of Austin's significance and origmality, it was at the same time not lacking in forceful criticism and incisive commentary.

Patrick Gardiner

As Principal of Hertford College from 1971 to 1988 Geoffrey Warnock presided over a crucial stage in the transformation of what was once one of smallest, poorest, and least regarded of Oxford men's colleges into a mixed, middle-sized college with sound finances, new buildings, an expanding fellowship, a progressive admissions policy and good academic results, writes John Torrance.

Although some of the measures that benefited Hertford were in place before his arrival, their successful fruition owned much to his careful, clearsighted and good-humoured government. Already known for his administrative efficiency while Senior Tutor at Magdalen, he now showed rare qualities of chairmanship and leadership which led to his choice as Vice-Chancellor of the

He steered Oxford's Hebdomadal Council as he had the college, with an imperturbable He returned to this theme authority that minimised debate

sonableness with which it was exercised. His clarity of presentation, shrewd judgement, modest dignity and friendliness were widely appreciated, both in and outside the university. The least pompous of men, given to almost selfcaricaturing understatement in matters of personal conviction. his conduct of business nevertheless left no one in doubt of his awareness that questions of expediency often conceal deeper issues involving the values of which universities are

His four years in office coincided with the first round of cuts in university funding, heralding the campaign by successive Conservative governments to reduce the cost to the taxpayer of higher education. Although Oxford's official response to the cuts was measured, in unofficial pronouncements Geoffrey Warnock made no secret of the sombre view he took of the future of British universities if it were to

guardians. His sense of right and

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briefly in his last speech, delivered at the recent opening of Warnock House, Hertford's new student residence on the Isis near Folly Bridge. The speech finished on a valedictory note, and when he died 12 days later it was hard not to believe that, with characteristic firmness and courtesy, he had held off the advance of an unrelenting illness just long enough not to disappoint his family and the many friends. colleagues and well-wishers gathered for the occasion. Geoffrey James Warnock,

philosopher: born Leeds 16 August 1923; Fellow by Examina-tion, Magdalen College, Oxford 1949, Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy 1953-71 (Emeritus Fellow 1972-80. Honorary Fellow 1980-95); Fellow and Tutor, Brasenose College, Oxford 1950-53; Principal, Hertford College, Oxford 1971-88 (Honorary Fellow 1988-95); Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University 1981-85; Kt 1986; married 1949 Mary Wilson (created 1985 Baroness Warnock; two sons, three daughters); died Axford, Wiltshire 8 October

## Dr Gerald Swyer

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Gerald Swyer was an eminent physician in the field of endoctinology and reproductive medicine. He established an Endocrine Clinic and also a Fertility Clinic at University College Hospital, in London, both of which he directed for over 30 years. In the beginning the difficulties of fertility management and research were often not appreciated; Swyer would jest that he ran a Futility Clinic".

After qualifying in medicine at Oxford, Swyer obtained his doctoral thesis on the growth of the prostate gland before switching his research interests to female fertility. He then spent time at the University of California, as the Rockefeller Medical Student in 1941-43, where he worked with a pioneer

of hormone replacement therapy, Dr Robert Greenblatt. In 1947, Swyer was invited to join the Department of Ob-stetrics and Gynaecology at University College Hospital Medical School as an endocrinologist and in 1951 was appointed Consultant Endocrinologist. His work at the Endocrine and Fertility clinics. chiefly on the detection and treatment of defective ovulation, led to significant advances in fertility treatment, to the enduring gratitude of countless mothers and children. He was also a prolific scientific writer. the author of some 200 publications, mostly on reproductive medicine, including his 1954 book Reproduction and Sex, as well as appearing frequently in scientific debate on radio and television programmes.

In 1977, Swyer joined the Association of Women's Health Care as a director, which in the following year became the charity Women's Health Concern. This body had been established in 1972 to further information about female health problems and particularly hormone replacement therapy, and Swyer became its founder chairman in 1980, when it attained official charity status and he retired from University College Hospital.

For the following 15 years he worked tirelessly for Women's Health Concern, using his expertise to write explanatory literature about female health problems and answer letters personally to help the thousands of women who wrote to the charity for information. He regularly made contributions to the postgraduate symposia that are held by Women's Health Concern for doctors and for nursfrom the post in 1993, he still continued to contribute his wisdom and experience to the

Swyer was a very erudite yet gentle and modest character who never sought the personal fame that he undoubtedly deserved for his efforts. As well as his profound scientific acumen, he was also a follower of the arts and of sporting activities. He had a love of music and indeed actually made musical instruments, including clavichords and violins. He built and raced model yachts as well as being a keen dinghy sailing enthusiast. In addition, he was accomplished both as an artist and in tinting glass objects, as well as being an aficionado of the golf course.

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Gerald Isaac Macdonald Swyer, endocrinologist: born Bognor, Sussex 17 November 1917; Endocrinologist to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. University College Hospital Medical School 1947-51, Consultant Endocrinologist 1951-78; Scientific Adviser to World Health Organisation 1965-66; Chairman, Women's Health Concern 1980-93; married 1945 Irene Nash (one son, one daughter); died London 19 September

## Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

**MEMORIAL SERVICES** 

MILLS: Anthea Adele, died 25 July 1995. A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday 29 October at Somerville College, Oxford, Details from Martin Mills, 0181-332 9120.

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Changing of the Guard

Birthdays

Mr Peter Bowles, actor, 59; Dr Stefan Buczacki, biologist, author and broadcaster, 50; Mr Max Bygraves, entertainer, 73; Mr David Congdon MP, 46; Mr Michael Forsyth MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, 41; Sir Charles Fraser, vice-chairman, United Biscuits, 67; Mr Paul Gallagher, General Secretary, Electrical, Electronic. Telecommunication and Plumbing Union Section, Amaga-mated Engineering and Electrical Union. 51; Mr Gunter Grass, novelist, 68; Mr Terry Griffiths, snooker champion, 48; Miss Angela Lansbury, ac-tress, 70; Sir John Lindsay, High Court judge, 56; Lord MacDonald of Gwaenysgor, former chief executive, Plessey, 80; Lord MacLehose of Beoch, former Governor of Hone Kong. 78: Mr Hugh MacMilla Chief Constable, Northern Con-stabulary, 63; The Most Rev Thomas Morris, former Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, 81; Miss Emma Nicholson MP, 54; The Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, President, Queens' College, Cambridge, 65; Mr Simon Ward, actor, 55; Mr

William Webb, conductor, and artis-tic director, London College of Music, 48; Mr John Whittingdale MP, 36.

Births: Robert Stephenson, civil en-

gineer, 1803; Oscar Fingall O'Fla-hertie Wills Wilde, playwright and

author, 1854; David Ben Gurion statesman, 1886. Deaths: Luca Signorelli, painter, 1523; Lucas Crar the Elder, painter, 1553; Hugh La-tiner, bishop and martyr, burnt at the stake 1555; Nicholas Ridley, bishop and martyr, burnt at the stake 1555; Robert Fergusson, poet, 1774; John Hunter, anatomist, 1793; Marie Antoinette (Josephe-Jeanne Marie-Antomette), Queen of France, execute 1793. On this day: the Houses of Parnament were almost completely de-stroyed by fire, 1834; Harold Wilson became prime minister, 1964. Today is the Feast Day of St Anastasius of Cluny, St Bercharius, St Bertrand of Comminees St Call St Comminees Comminges, St Gall, St Gerard Ma-jella, St Hedwig, St Lull, St Margaret-Mary, Saints Martinian and Marima and St Monmolinus.

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Mark Hawarth-Booth, "Looking at Photographs: the collection of the art of King's College London: Marc Lauxtermann, The Greek Anthology and the Byzantines", 5.30pm.

Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall, London ECI: Dr Lynette Hunter, "Sisters of the Royal Soci-ety: the circle of Katharine Jones, Lady Ranelagh", 1pm. Exeter University: Six Geoffrey Holland, "Alas Sir Humphrey: I knew him well", 5.30pm.

The following notes of judgments were prepared by the re-porters of the All England Law

Child abduction Re A (minors); Fam D (Cazalet J)

31 July 1995. The father of three children sought an order for their return after the mother had wrongfully removed them from a US naval base in a non-Convention country where the family had lived during the father's service posting. The judge rejected the father's contention that the habitual residence of the children for the purposes of art 4 of the Hague Convention was the USA and held that their habitual residence had become that of the country to which the father had been posted in the course of his service career, and that his base abroad, however much it simulated ordinary life in his native country, was not a continuation of residence in the country which he served. Henry Setright (Haring, Ross, Gagrat & Gardl) for the father, John Mitchell (Eason Evans & Morris, Haverfordwest) for the mother.

## CASE SUMMARIES

Fraud R v Rozeik; CA (Cr Div) (Leggatt LJ, Collins J, Judge Capstick) 6 Octo-

her 1995.

In cases of company fraud where cheques were involved, the prosecution had to prove that when the cheque was obtained from the company it was obtained from a person who was deceived. Although it was not "obtained" in this sense from those who checked and typed it, the signatories of the cheques were in a different position. They had the responsibility to ensure that cheques were not signed unless they were satisfied that the money should be paid. They were more than mere mechanics; if they were deceived, so also was the company. Thus, 1) where a manager only signed, the of-fence could not be made out; 2) where a manager signed with another employee, it had to be shown that that other was deceived; 3) where two other

16 October 1995 manager) signed, it had to be proved that either one was or both were deceived, and that where one was the other did not know of the fraud, since if the

other did the company would not have been deceived. Anthony Shaw QC, Paul Kennedy (who did not appear below) (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the appellant: Anthony Donne QC, Richard Lissack (SFO) for the Crown.

Jurisdiction-R v Chester Crown Court, ex p Cheshire County Council & ore; QB Div Ct (Rose LJ, Wright J) 6 Octo-

ber 1995. The wording of s 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 expressly excluded matters relating to trial on indictment from the jurisdiction of the Divisional Court. An order made by a Crown Court judge for disclosure of documents which could affect the credibility of a witness was clearly such a matter and was therefore something in reemployees (other than the lation to which the Divisional

Court had no jurisdiction. (Their Lordships would not express a view on whether the Divisional Court would have jurisdiction to entertain an application where a Crown Court judge had acted without jurisdiction.) Stephen Hockman QC, Carol Atkin-

son (Legal Services, Cheshire County Council; White & Sherwin, Croydon; Thameside Metropolitan Borough Council) for the applicants; David Hemandez (NR Warburton, Stockport) for an interested party: P Goldwater (Jones Maidment Wilson, Manchester) for the defendants; the respondent did not appear.

Nuclear tests New Zealand v France; ICJ; 22 September 1995.

The International Court of Justice had no jurisdiction to reopen the judgment which it had reached in an earlier case between the same parties (see Nuclear Tests (New Zealand v France) [1974] ICI Rep 457) following an undertaking by dismissed.

continue atmospheric nuclear tests, on the basis that France's subsequent conduct of underground tests constituted a failure to comply with that judgment and justified, New Zealand argued, its request for "an examination of the situation" in accordance with para 63 of the 1974 judgment. It was clear from the 1974 judgment that New Zealand's claim at that time was limited to atmospheric tests in the Pacific so conducted by France as

France on that occasion not to

to give rise to radioactive fallout on New Zealand territory. It was only in the event of the resumption of such tests that the basis of the 1974 judgment would have been affected and the proceedings could have been reopened, and that hypothesis had not materialised New Zealand's request for provisional measures, and applications and declarations of intervention by Australia, Somoa, the Solomon Islands, the Marshall Islands and the Federated State of Micronesia were consequently also

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day. The prosecution, brought by the Serious Fraud Office, has already called more than 40 witnesses at the Old Bailey annexe

in Chichester Rents, in London's Chancery Lane. Sources close

to the court expect the trial to be completed by the end of No-

vember - more than four years after the media tycoon Robert

Maxwell died in mysterious circumstances off the Canary Islands.

Asda to cut over-the-counter drug prices

Asda, the supermarket group, is to extend its price-cutting policy to over-the-counter drugs, currently protected by a price main-

tenance agreement. The move follows Asda's successful challenge to the Net Book Agreement. Asda will launch a cutprice offer on vitamin pills today, with reductions on other non-prescription drugs set to follow. The retail consultant Verdict

Research predicts a price war in the toiletries market led by the

Tomkins, the Smith & Wesson and Rank Hovis McDougall con-

glomerate, is bidding more than \$1m for Gates Rubber, a US

automotive parts manufacturer. Greg Hutchings' group has been under pressure to make use of its £300m cash pile. Tomkins is

bidding against the US conglomerate Tenneco for Gates, which

Many large corporations are still using complex derivative in-

struments to manage risk without using adequate controls. A survey by Price Waterhouse found that of nearly 400 companies

questioned, three-quarters were using derivatives in their treasury function, but less than half were applying effective controls.

Tomkins to bid for Gates Rubber

has been put up for sale by the controlling family.

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MARKET SUMMARY

# Brown to waive right to share scheme bonanza

Industrial Correspondent

The chief executive of British Gas, Cedric Brown, is today expected to relinquish his right to a long-term incentive scheme that could ultimately have earned him shares worth up to £2m. His decision will emerge as the company announces to the Stock Exchange details of

The move will be seen as an attempt to dampen the contro-versy surrounding British Gas since the end of last year, when it was revealed that Mr Brown's basic pay rose by 75 per cent to £475,000. But the Gas Consumers Council warned that if Mr Brown is alone among directors in rejecting the scheme, his decision could be interpreted as a boardroom split.

Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers Council, said: We expected the board to stand together to defend the performance bonus at a time when the company needs all the help it can get. British Gas needs a united board and this sends the wrong signals. This has to suggest they are not

British Gas refused to comment on the issue. The company has been plagued in recent veeks by speculation over the future of Mr Brown and has flatly denied rumours that he is to resign almost five years before te is officially due to retire. Some City analysts believe he may be pushed out next year but others point out that he has become a lightning conductor for fellow directors and for Richard

Giordano, the chairman, taking the blame for any misfortune that hits the company.
In spite of Mr Brown's move

to waive his rights, the renewed scheme is likely to spark fresh criticism. British Gas is expected to announce today to the Stock Exchange the notional allocation of shares to executive directors under the programme, which may be worth between 33 per cent and 125 per cent of basic salaries.

Under the scheme, shares may be notionally awarded annually but not released to the participant for five or six years. This period includes three or four years during which the company's performance in terms of shareholder returns is measured against other com-panies in the FT-SE 100. Shares are then vested in the individuals but not released for a further two years.

British Gas has defended the scheme as "encouraging a com-munity of interest" between the company's senior managecompany has also stressed that it replaces previous executive share option schemes and an-The latest furore comes at a

difficult time for British Gas, which faces a phased end to its monopoly on domestic customers from next April. Rival gas suppliers, including North Sea producers and electricity firms, are intent on entering the market, and are predicting that they can undercut British Gas by about 10 per cent.

The company is also dogged



Lightning conductor: Cedric Brown's decision to relinquish his incentive scheme rights is unlikely to end the speculation on his future Photograph: Philip Meech

tracts with North Sea produc- government help in re-negotiers that are forcing it to buy price being paid by British Gas is far above that available to ri-

ating the contracts, saying they were largely entered into before British Gas was privatised and the company had to buy enough als on the spot market. gas to supply its monopoly mar-Recently Mr Brown called for ket. By the end of this year,

cording to some analysts the figure could hit £1.3bn by 1998.

British Gas will have paid cu-

mulatively for almost £700m of

gas that it must put under the

"take or pay" contract condi-

tions but cannot yet sell. Ac-

## Utility inquiry lauched by EPF

MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

A commission of inquiry into the regulation of privatised util-ities will be launched today by the Swill be faunched today by the European Policy Forum. The commission will include, among others, Sir Bryan Carsberg, until recently director general of the Office of Fair Trading, and will be headed by John Flemming, warden of Wadham College, Oxford.

The move comes amids:

The move comes amidst mounting public criticism of the utility industries. It also co-incides with a fresh row over the millions of pounds that could be made by electricity industry executives from the flotation of the National Grid Company, which is at present owned by the 12 re-gional electricity firms in England and Wales. The Labour Party has called for the flotation to be delayed pending an inde-pendent investigation into the directors' "windfall".

The main work of the commission will be to examine the way in which the utilities are regulated and how the system can best be changed. Frank Vibert, director of the European Policy Forum, said: "It is now clear that many of the problems affecting privatised utilities are problems of regulation. The moment is opportune for a thorough re-examination of the way in which the regulatory sys-tem can be improved in the light of experience."

There is a growing view that shareholders in the privatised utilities have benefited at the expense of customers and that tougher regulation is needed. Critics of the regulators also say that too much power is vested in individuals and that they are not sufficiently accountable.

Earlier this year, the Public Accounts Committee launched its own wide-ranging review of regulation in the gas, electricitions industries. The PAC said the investigation will examine the role of regulators and any recent price reviews they have carried out.

Robert Sheldon, chairman of the PAC, said: "The job of regulators involves problems which are common to all ... We seemed to slip very easily into this system of regulation in the UK without sufficient forethought and we are now learning from our mistakes. The Government does not like to intervene, so there is really nobody to exercise any oversight."

# Sir John Banham to head Kingfisher

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The long search for a new chairman at Kingfisher, the troubled Woolworths and Comet retail group, will end today when the company names Sir John Banham, the former director-general of the CBI, as its Kevin Maxwell will face questioning today as the defence pre-sents its case in the marathon Maxwell trial, now nearing its 80th

choice for the top job.

Sir John, who is 55, will join the Kingfisher board as a nonexecutive director today and take over from Sir Nigel Mobbs as chairman early next year. Sir Nigel, who has been a King-fisher director for 13 years, will then step down from the board.

growing over the weekend that George Simpson, chief executive of Lucas Industries, has emerged as the leading candi-date to take over at the helm of the manufacturing conglomerate GEC when Lord Weinstock steps down next year.

Other candidates, both internal and external, are under consideration but Mr Simpson is believed to be the front-runner. The company's handling of the succession question is expected to be a subject of debate at a GEC board meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

should win Kingfisher muchneeded support in the City. where analysts and institutional investors have criticised the company for taking too long over the search. Kingfisher has been without a permanent chairman since January, when four directors left in a boardroom shake-up that followed a

profits warning.
The company has been under pressure to appoint a heavy-weight chairman to balance a board dominated by chief executive Sir Geoff Mulcahy. Sir John will spend at least two days

tails of his contract and salary have not yet been disclosed.

Sir Nigel said: "I am pleased we have been able to attract Sir John. In him and Sir Geoff we have a top team that will provide the leadership to reinvig-orate the Kingfisher busi-Sir John said: "I am delight-

ed to be joining Kingfisher and to be working with Geoff. I am impressed by the way, despite difficulties in many relevant sectors of the retail market, the Kingfisher businesses are working to restore the pattern of over many years. Although Sir John has no di-

rect retail experience and has never sat on the board of a retail group before, the breadth of his experience should help to bolster the company's credibility in the City.

Sir John was director-general of the CBI between 1987 and 1992. He is also chairman of Tarmac, the housebuilding and construction group, chairman of West Country Television and a non-executive director of National Westminster Bank and

# Rockefeller team set to buy back the house

#### New York (Bloomberg) - Three of the world's wealthiest families join forces in a bid for the bankrupt Rockefeller Center in New York, one of Manhattan's most prestigious commercial

Italy's Agnelli family, which controls the Fiat car group, has teamed up with the Greek shipping tycoon Stavros Niar-chos and David Rockefeller in a \$440m (£280m) bid for control of the Manhattan office and entertainment complex. The investment bank Goldman

Sachs is also backing the bid.

The entry of the trio of billionaires means that the 80-yearold Mr Rockefeller, who is worth an estimated \$1.3bn, now has the financial backing for the bruising fight to win back the prestigious property, which was

built by his father, John D Rockefeller Jr.

The consortium is in a threeway fight for control of Rockefeller Center Properties, holder of the \$1.3bn mortgage on the property. It faces competing bids from a group led by the Chicago investor Sam Zell, who is backed by the Walt Disney entertainment group and General Electric, and another consortium led by one of the company's biggest shareholders,

The battle also has a broader significance. The Rocke-feller Center is the last commercial property bearing the name of the Rockefellers, who six years ago sold 80 percent of the ownership to Japan's Mitsubishi Estate. Mitusbishi placed the property under 75-year-old Gianni Agnelli, and

Last week, Mr Rockefeller, the family patriarch, said he would contribute \$200m from his own pocket together with the Agnellis and Mr Niarchos.

The Rockefeller Center, a landmark complex of buildings in midtown Manhattan, is home to McGraw-Hill, Time Warner and General Electric's NBC studios. Its Art Deco buildings surround an outdoor skating rink that at Christmas time is decorated with an 80-foot fir tree, rivaling Washington's national Christmas tree. Radio City Music Hall and the Rockettes have been an entertainment tradition since the Great Depression. The Agnelli family, headed by

bankruptcy protection last May. the 86-year-old Mr Niarchos Now the Rockefellers want it each plan to contribute \$90m to the bid in return for a 20 per

cent stake. Mr Niarchos, a self-made man who was forced to leave college at 19 to work in his uncle's flour mill, now has an estimated net worth of \$4bn,

according to Forbes magazine. Mr Rockefeller's \$20m investment would entitle him to a 5 per cent stake in the Rockefeller Centre if the bid was successful. Goldman Sachs, which is contributing \$220m to the of-fer, would bold the remaining 50 per cent.

Rockefeller Center Properties shares closed at 7 5/8, down 1/8 on the New York Stock Ex-

The company's board meets today to review the bids.

believes one explanation may be the sophistication of the UK

supply chain, in which the flex-

Motor industry: Sales are struggling, yet output this year is heading for its best for 20 years

## Gloomy carmakers hark back to golden era ning on short time. Mr Marshall

## RUSSELL HOTTEN

supermarket groups.

Risky business.

Nostalgia will be a big theme of this week's London motor show, with classics like a 1937 Rolls-Royce Phantom III and Rover's re-launched MGF among the usual array of Toyotas and Fords. Car executives must sometimes pine for when the UK industry was the envy of the world.

International competition and domestic economic problems have caused havor for the nation's motor manufacturers, and this week's gathering of the industry's great and good comes at a time of gloom. There are conflicting signals in the marketplace. Manufacturers have put up prices, but retailers are offering a wealth of cut-price deals. Car produc-

tion is rising, but the latest trade figures say exports are tailing off. It is certainly not UK buyers who are soaking up excess output, as sales are struggling to

maintain even last year's dis-appointing levels. But carmak-ers say they are not stockpiling. It has, as one retailer said recently, "all got out of kilter". Car prices have consistently

risen above the rate of inflation over the last couple of years. In August the annual rate of car inflation was 4.4 per cent, the highest since the end of 1993, against an inflation rate of 3.6 per cent. August is a month when some manufacturers, including market leader Ford, traditionally lift prices in order to pull sales forward. But it was also the month when the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders pleaded with the Chancellor for a "scrappage" subsidy

to boost new car sales. Of course, few customers pay the real price for the volume models that manufacturers are trying to shift. Instead there are deals such as cheap credit or free insurance, which mean the firms' finance arms are crosssubsidising the ticket price.

These days, more manufacturers are avoiding the high street dealers and selling directly to the fleets at substantial discounts, and then trying to recoup the lost revenue from the private buyer.

Retailers are running their own incentive schemes. With dealerships also losing lucrative service and repair work because the private buyer cannot afford the costs, the only recourse is distress selling, and a drastic cut in margins.

Neil Marshall, director of the Retail Motor Industry Federation, says he wants many of the schemes translated into a "real" cut in price: "People who do not take the incentive - such as the credit deals - do not get the benefit and are

subsidising those who do." Given such circumstances, Ian Shepherdson, economist at HSBC Greenwell, can think of few sectors of the economy less deserving of special treatment from the Government

than the motor industry. Carmakers have, he argues, been given tax breaks before and simply squandered them.

Despite worries about sales. output this year is still headed towards its best for 20 years. Car production rose by a seasonal-

Happier times: The UK motor manufacturing Industry was

three months to August, against the previous three months. July's trade figures pointed to a slowdown in car exports but British manufacturers say stocks

ibility of central stocking is re-placing the system of holding are not unusually large, and only Ford's Halewood plant is runlarge numbers of cars in compounds.

Nevertheless, many analysts believe other UK carmakers will have to follow Ford and introduce some down-time. Most European and US car-makers admit to carrying high stocks. And more and more models are being churned out all the time. The motor show will unveil 50 models never before shown in the UK. Indeed, European carmakers are launching 20 new cars this year, a rate that Robert Lutz, the president of Chrysler, said leaves the market "cluttered".

If the industry thought existing conditions were tough, Mr Lutz believes there is worse to come. This business is going to be only for the brave from here on out," he says.





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#### **TODAY**

Companies Highland Distilleries, the group best known for the Famous Grouse brand of Scotch, is expected to report a modest improvement in profits to £44m for the year to August. The rise should compare favourably with recent figures from rivals such as Guinness. which makes the Teachers brand, and Burns Stewart. However Highland still faces tough conditions in its key UK market. NatWest Securities is forecasting profits to rise by around 10 per

New management unveils its first set of results at Waste Management International, with third-quarter figures expected to be flat at £43m. The new team was appointed during July so it is too soon to expect a re-structuring. However analysts are not ruling out a shake-up with the full year figures in February. WMI has a 20 per cent stake in Wessex Water, where trading has been

Companies Farnell Electronics, Hewitt

Group, Olives Property, Padang Senang, Singapore Para Rubber. Annual meetings: Linx Printing, Mid Wynd International



strong, and the UK waste business is also performing well. The French and Italian markets, however, remain in the

doldrums Finals: Gartmore Smaller Interims: Beradin Holdings,

Investment Trust, U.S. Small-

Rack

Finsbury Underwriting, Select

Industries, Surrey Free Inns,

EGMs: Eidos, Select Industries

Following the signals at the

Conservative Party conference

that a tax-cutting Budget lies

ahead, September's public sec-

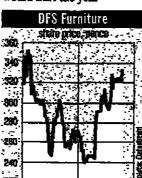
tor borrowing requirement will be scrutinised even more

minutely than usual. The mar-ket is expecting a deficit of £4bn. The trajectory of tax

Welsh Industrial Trust

EGMs: None scheduled

TOMORROW revenues that have fallen well short of Treasury projections will be of particular interest. Finals: Paterson Zochonis, In the US, industrial produc-River & Merc Extra, Hong tion is expected to remain un-Kong Investments changed on the month. The Interims: El Oro Mining, Exploration Co, Henry Boot & Japanese trade balance in Sep-tember is forecast to be Sons, Newport Holdings, Tie \$10.5bn. An unexpected rise would hurt the yen. Annual meetings: Egalet Investment Trust, Finelist Group,



#### WEDNESDAY

DFS Furniture is expected to buck the gloomy retail trend with an upbeat set of figures for

THE WEEK AHEAD

the year to July. Profits are forecast to rise from £22.75m to £26m. Though analysts doubt the company will have maintained the 10 per cent like-for-like sales increase achieved in the first half, they are still looking for good progress. A statement on returning some money to shareholders - mentioned as a possibility at the half year stage - is also expected. The City will be looking for an update on progress at the core WH Smith chain at the company's annual meeting. The Project Enliven initiative was launched earlier this year to help restore the fortunes of the ailing high street chain.

Interims: Berry Birch & Noble, Card Clear, English National Inv Co, Havelock Europa, Kymmene Corp. Renown Inc, Town Centre Securities, BDA

EGMs: Sage Group

Finals: Bridport-Gundry

Annual meetings: GoldFields of South Africa, W H Smith, Tottenham Hotspur

A bumper day for the UK economy. Following the retail price shock last week, retail sales will be closely watched to see if consumers are resisting attempts by retailers to push up margins. The market view is that there will be sales growth of 0.6 per cent. The other main focus of attention will be the unemployment and earn-ings figures. Although unem-ployment fell by 18,000 in August the average fall in recent months has been under a expecting a further rise to 8.6 fifth of the rate at the end of 1995. The market is expecting a fall of 5,000. Underlying earnings, which fell in July, are

expected to remain unchanged in August at 3.25 per cent. The US trade balance will be a matter of concern. Hopes of a decline were dashed last month with another record deficit. The market is expecting a deficit of \$11bn in August.

## THURSDAY

Finals: M J Gleeson, Wescol Group Interims: Airflow Streamline. Aminex, Ferguson Intal Holdings, Ramco Energy Annual meetings: Elbief, Gold Greenlees Trott, Haynes Publishing, Headway

EGMs: None scheduled Provisional M4 figures will be closely watched by the markets following the expression of concern by the Chancellor and the Governor about recent strong growth. The market is

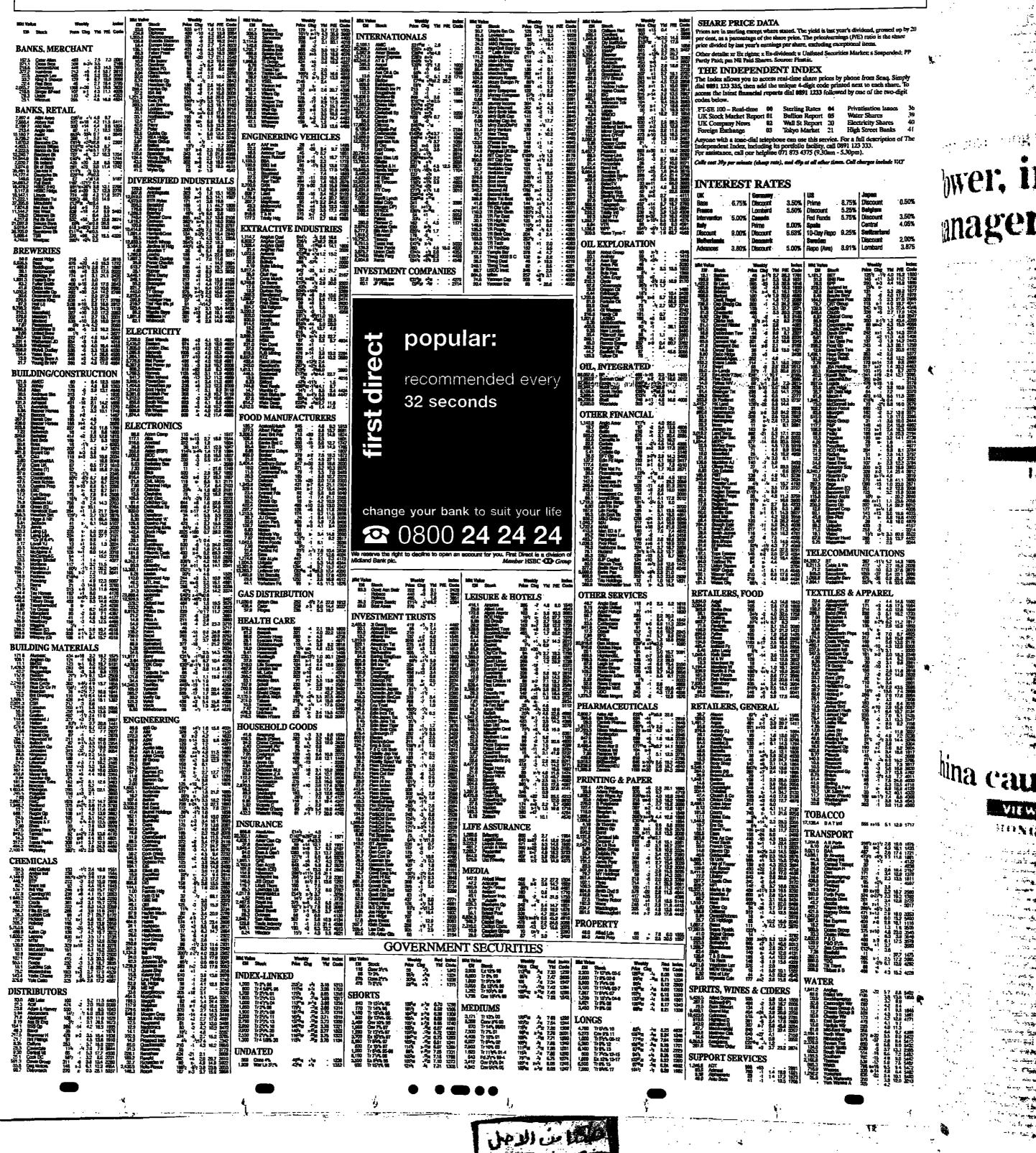
per cent in September. Banking and building society figures will give an advance warning of what is happening to lending and in particular whether there are more borrowers willing to negotiate loans for house purchase.

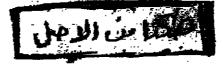
## FRIDAY

Finals: Ramus Holdings Interims: Alida Holdings, Audax Properties, Richards, Securities Trust of Scotland, Sungard Data Systems (Q). Value & Income Trust, Warn-

ford Investments Annual meetings: Armour Trust, Peter Black Holdings EGMs: Premier Land

**Economics** The balance of non-EU trade is expected to fall slightly to a deficit of £900m following the particularly high deficit of £996m in Angust. Watch to see if there is any recovery in exports to the US, which were depressed by the rapid slowdown in the second quarter.





# business



## GAVYN DAVIES

"One minute the Government appears in the guise of

Thatcherite cutter of spending, the next as trusty defender of

public services. All politicians try to play both sides of this card.

but it is mostly governments that get

blamed when expectations are dashed."

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they will raise public expectations and then get blamed for the shoddy provision of services that will inevitably follow. Most commentators have not noticed this risk, either because they have assumed (wrongly) that there is plenty of fat in current spending plans, or because they believe the Chancellor is setting tough spending targets with the deliberate intention of missing them in the election run-up.

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ative to targets this year is seen by cynics as the start of a premeditated strategy of in-ing the voters' pockets. This would encompass tax cuts, followed by uncontrolled more one-off gains for voters as regulators force cuts in fuel prices, as building societies merge, and as the Norwich Union goes public.

What could be more familiar than a gicantic pre-election bribe, with the mess being cleared up after polling day?

It is clear that some elements of this are

very much in the game plan. The Chancel-lor obviously intends to cut taxes in each of the next two Budgets, and probably to promise a phased programme of further reductions after the election as well. That was presumably the inference of his remark at conference that not everything in the tax area

could be accomplished "in one go".

Furthermore, Mr Clarke is hoping to trump Labour's windfall tax on the utilities by "persuading" regulators to ram through additional price cuts for the consumer. Not only would this reduce inflation and boost

though he may have to lean rather hard on the regulators to cajole them into co-oper-

But what about public spending? The Prime Minister said last week that the search for more spending cuts would be "ruthless". Yet by the end of the week he was adding 5,000 policemen to the beat, reiterating his commitment to increase real health spending each year, and telling the Chief Sec-retary not to "mess with" Gillian Shepherd's education programme.

One minute the Government appears in the guise of Thatcherite spending-cutter, the next it is the trusty defender of the public services. Of course, all politicians try to play both sides of this particular card, but it is the fate of governments to get most of the blame when the electorate's expectations are

The Government's present approach to the control of public spending is tactical rather than strategic—cheese-paring without making any attempt to reduce the public's de-

As Norman Lamont pointed out in Blackpool, there is a refusal to contemplate eliminating the public sector from large parts of pension provision, health and education, thus making room for significant cuts in tax-

Instead, the Government's approach is reminiscent of a company that has decided to curtail costs without reducing the scale of its businesses. Typically, the first wave of cuts works fine, since obvious waste can be eliminated and the bottom 10 per cent of the workforce can be fired without any immediate loss of business.

But a second wave, if still needed, is rather

the open market. Many of them leave. All this impairs the long-term performance of the company, and revenue starts to fall. In the third wave, the firm either retrenches to its most profitable core of businesses, or it

Clarke gambles on another year of restraint

The Government is acting like just such company about to embark on its second wave of cuts. The first wave started in the crucial year of 1993, when the Government realised that public sector borrowing was run-ning out of control, partly because of a 5.7 per cent rise in the real level of spending the

But the introduction of an improved method of controlling spending (based on the "control total", which excluded spending on cyclical social security and debt interest) succeeded in holding the real growth in spending down to 1.2 per cent and 1.0 per

The Chancellor has claimed that 1993 should be seen as a watershed for public spending control, and three successive years of real growth at I per cent or less certainly looks impressive. But in fact there was a similar period of low growth in real public spending from 1985-88, when the economy was at roughly the same stage of the business cycle, so it is not yet clear whether we

are seeing anything genuinely new.

There have admittedly been some genuine policy changes that have yielded savings in the social security budget - involving, for example, incapacity benefit and the jobseek-

ers' allowance. Furthermore, almost every important local authority in the country now has its spending forcibly capped by the Government, or is "voluntarily" complying with provisional caps set by Whitehall each year. (How

seen a series of one-off expedients that are most unlikely to work indefinitely. Like the company in trouble, government departments have postponed or cancelled capital projects, and have been required to absorb the full cost of any increase in public sector pay

to administer a fixed budget?) These changes may continue to depress spending for some

But in the main, the last three years have

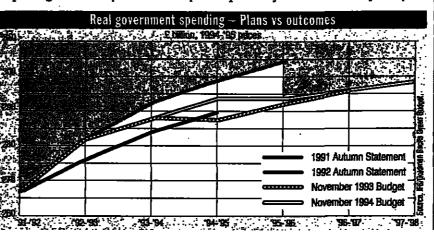
through efficiency savings elsewhere.

This has been temporarily successful, but three major problems now loom. The public sector pay bill cannot be permanently frozen with inflation beginning to rise. Plans for health spending, which allow for real growth of almost zero, look unrealistically

And education spending will surely accelerate above plans, given the growth of 1.1 per cent in pupil numbers next year and the need for an upward adjustment in teach-

The Chancellor is not allowing for any of these pressures in his plans for next year. Far from it, another year of approximately zero growth in real public spending is being pencilled into the Budget arithmetic. Perhaps the Chancellor, as accused, really does in-tend to exceed these tough targets when the time comes. But this is a risky strategy.

Under the new control system, it will be very obvious if targets are being missed, and the eyes of the financial markets will be firmly trained on the Treasury's behaviour. More likely, Mr Clarke has made the political judgment that he can get away with another year of tough restraint on spending. A hundred or so vulnerable Conservative MPs had better hope that he is right.



Fresh from organising the 'orderly revival' of the battered dollar, the US deputy treasury secretary is ready for the bigger questions

# Power, intellect and the management of markets

credit for the revival of the doilar from its trough last spring it is Lawrence Summers, America's deputy treasury secretary.

In the spring, after the dollar had lost around a fifth of its value against the yen, Mr Summers convinced the Clinton administration that a stronger currency would be in the national interest. He was the architect of the statement by the seven leading industrial countries in April that they sought an "orderly reversal" of the dollar's fall. It worked.

"People have counted the dollar out many times before and been proven wrong," says Mr Summers. The 40-year-old deputy secretary has become one of the most influential figures in world economic policy-making. He brings to this practical role one of the finest economic minds of his generation.

The combination of power and intellect is almost guaranteed to make him unpopular in some cricles. Mr Summers' rapid upward flight has run into several patches of turbulence, which critics say have been exacerbated by his

At least he has good grounds for such confidence. Mr Summers became, at 28, the youngest tenured professor in-Harvard University's history. The child of two economists, two of his uncles - Paul Samuelson and Kenneth Arrow - won Nobel prizes in economics.

For Britons, he has become a key figure because of his indirect influence on Labour Party policy. Ed Balls, adviser to the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, was a student of Mr Summers and has imported

If there is a single person who wholesale his approach to eco- where Mr Summers' certainty need to stay involved in incan take the lion's share of the nomics. It is not too fanciful to that he is right is reported to see Mr Summers as the unlikely apostle of New Labour's conversion to markets.

Drinking his signature can of Diet Coke in a grand office in the imposing US Treasury Department, he accepts that the power of financial markets causes some uneasiness. "In democracies, too often fear does the work of reason," he says. But he adds: "Capital markets punish but they also reward. It is Luddite to suggest that by slowing flows of capital you would let governments reexert their influence."

Like most other policymak-

have rubbed both US and Mexican politicians up the wrong way. Mexico has just pre-paid some of its emergency US loans, and has also borrowed in yen - on the international capital markets again.

According to Mr Summers: "With Mexico, we're out of intensive care and in the recovery stage." Although Mexican output has fallen and unemployment risen as a result of the crisis, it would have been worse if the country had not followed the advice to adjust its policies dramatically. As well as cutting the government deficit and rais-

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## LAWRENCE SUMMERS

ers at the recent meetings of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, Mr Summers argues that there is more popular support for cuts in government budget deficits than anybody expected. The demands of the financial markets for sound fiscal policy do not run counter to the will of the

people.
Besides, flush with the success of the G7 accord to turn around the dollar, he believes markets can be monitored and managed. Those who were sceptical about whether G7 pronouncements meant anything have learnt to respect them a bit more, he says.
"The benefits of greater flows

of capital far outweigh any side-effects, but clearly the system needs to be managed." The more liquid the capital markets, the less pronounced the side-effects will be. These

lessons he applies to Mexico,

ing interest rates, it has begun a programme of deregulation and privatisation.

"This demonstrates the importance of following a marketoriented policy," Mr Summers says. The bolder the adjustment, the better. "It is no less painful to pull a tooth out slowly."

The broad outlines of his economic policy views are orthodox: lower deficits, market liberalisation if necessary, and a credible anti-inflationary interest rate policy. This is the international policy consensus he has helped to reinforce in this year of turbulence in the financial markets.

He has two concerns about the outlook for growth and inflation. One is that complexency will put steady growth and low inflation at risk. The other is that the isolationist spirit will increase, both in the US and elsewhere. Mr Summers wrote a lengthy defence of America's

ternational financial institutions like the IMF and World Bank in the Wall Street Journal last week. Addressing those who would cut US funding for such institutions, he wrote: "Economic disengagement from the world could lead, as it did earlier in the century, to a spiral of protectionism and isolation that would be financially catastrophie for our own econemy." However, the real

economic policy challenge, he says, is not what level to set govrates but what to do about the half of the population that is los-ing ground. How do we equip this half to participate in rising productivity and wages? The fo-cus has to be on investment in human capital," he says. This is pure New Labour.

Mr Summers suggests, too, that the causes of business cycle fluctuations are so little understood that this would be a tempting area for research if he were back in the academic world. "The Keynesian paradigm has been shattered. Nothing satisfactory has been put in its place," he says. Economists need to try to understand speculative financial markets and

how policy needs to respond. "Adam Smith's world was one of widgets and corn, not McDonalds and Microsoft. We don't have ways of thinking about the profound changes in economic life caused by information technology and the development of the service industries."

This research agenda high-lights an interest in the big questions in economics - the drive that took him into public policy in the first place. In 1993 he was awarded the American Economics Association's bien-



ington. In 1989 he became chief

nial John Bates Clark medal for the outstanding economist under 40. An appreciation of his work published to mark the award identified the essence of his approach as the identification of a key question in economics, and empirical testing of competing theoretical explanations. The citation continued: "His work has inspired a new generation of economists, many of them his students and col-laborators, who are now reconstructing the empirical foundations of the discipline."

Mr Summers left academia temporarily in 1981-82, to work on the staff of the President's (then Ronald Reagan) Council of Economic Advisers in Wash-

leaving after a storm created by the leak of a memo in which he argued that it could make economic sense for industrial countries to ship their waste to developing countries.

He refuses to be drawn now on whether he will return to academic life. "We'll have to see what happens down the road. But I would be a very happy pro-fessor of economics." Meanwhile, he believes it useful to bring an academic background to the inner circles of policymaking. "Economic reality is an important constraint on policy-

banks. This is bad news for the corporations listed on the Hong

Kong stock exchange, which have blamed the squeeze for re-

While credit is getting tighter, the policymakers in Peking have

given the official nod of ap-

proval for the retrogressive step

of not allowing state companies

to go bankrupt.
The idea had been to make

them more competitive by in-

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# China cautious as it considers life after Deng

It is commonplace for exotic species to embark on a collective frenzy, normally during mating season. Yet there is an equally exotic species for whom the ritual is less frequent: diehard China investors sent into a frenzy of activity by the Chinese government's latest Five-

Year plan. The ninth five-year plan, released earlier this month, provoked the usual deluge of comment and analysis from China watchers based in Hong Kong, the main source of forcign capital for the stirring giant north of the border.

What is strange about all this is that China's Five-Year Plans give so little guide to what will happen in the coming hair decade, instead they provide an insight into those aspects of cconomic development over the past five years that have been endorsed as official policy by the decision-makers in Peking.

At the best of times the Chinese leadership has shown itself to have little idea how to initiale economic reform. Mao Tsetong's Great Leap Forward, nounced in the Second Five-Year plan, led to widespread famine, the crippling of Chinese VIEW FROM

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industry and years of damage to the nation's agricultural sector. The genius of Deng Xiaoping, the ailing patriarch, was to provide space for market forces to lead the way in initiating re-form, allowing the state to adopt those that succeeded and denounce those that did not.

The most profound elements of economic and fiscal reform have not been initiated in the Five-Year Plans. For example, China's open-door policy was only officially endorsed in the Seventh Five-Year Plan, spanning1986 to 1990. By that time all the major innovations - special economic zones, relaxed controls on foreign investment and export-led economic growth were already well underway.

Seen in this light, the current Five Year-Plan reflects a more cautious mood among the leadership. Some Hong Kong-based foreign investors were disappointed. They were looking for indications of concrete reforms, such as an opening up of the financial sector and allow-

ing foreign investment in key growth industries such as

Instead, the plan emitted a stream of generalities, most importantly the pledge to give "national treatment" to foreign companies. This presumably means they would be on a level playing field with Chinese companies. In reality, financial incentives and importation rights often leave foreign companies at a distinct advantage. Problems arise when things go wrong, as they did in the case of James Peng, a naturalised Australian, who established one of China's first joint-venture companies and was recently sentenced to 18 years for embezzlement. Foreign investors worry that Chinese partners will be favoured when there is conflict between the partners. The implications of "national treatment" go much further, in allowing foreign ioint-venture companies to

mestic market. But foreign investors are also concerned over the high rate of inflation. Here the plan offers few suggestions, other than

compete freely in China's do-



foreign firms to compete freely in China's domestic market Last Friday the State Statistical Bureau announced that yearon-year inflation was down to just over 11 per cent. This figure will be read with interest in

flation may be as high as 20 per

There are signs that inflation is being tackled, although the main weapon chosen is the the faster-growing coastal recredit squeeze, which is being curbing new capital investment. gions, where the real level of in- more or less faithfully admin-

Five-Year Plan is unimaginative, mirroring the caution that grips

the Chinese leadership as it contemplates life without Deng. But as history has shown, this does not mean significant changes will not take place in the next five years - some of which the Tenth Five-Year Plan

may well endorse.

# **South Africa** head home with pride

DAVE HADFIELD

England South Africa

It might sound perverse or even patronising, but it was South Africa who came away with more credit from their farewell match in the World Cup.

Heavily beaten for the third time in the tournament, they at least looked like a rughy league team and bowed out with a cer-

tain amount of pride regained. "They made me proud," said their coach, Tony Fisher, "I said all along that it was a learning process and they have showed how quickly they can learn."

It is to be hoped that they do not absorb too much specifically from England's performance at Headingley on Saturday, because it was the inadequacies of the host nation that helped South Africa look such an improved side.

There were times, especially in the first 20 minutes, when they looked as though they were the ones struggling to learn the game. Their fumbling start included the most priceless comic moment of the tournament so far, when Chris Joynt made a break, spotted a flash of white on the wing and passed to

the touch judge.
Mind you, the official was at fault as well. Infected by the general malaise, he failed to cut inside and take the pass for what would have been an easy try.

That was unfortunate, but the incident is still an obvious candidate for "What Happened Next?" What did happen next was that England started to score tries with reasonable regularity and built up a respectable winning margin without ever

becoming wholly convincing.
The successes were limited to Nick Pinkney, who scored two good tries, Daryl Powell, who engineered most of England's points, and Phil Clarke, who led the side energetically in the absence of Shaun Edwards.

vious night is one of a number of worries England take with them into the semi-final stage. The England captain has had a troubled World Cup, what with his stomach bug, his running battle with Australia over their claim that he racially abused John Hopoate at Wembley and now an infected knee that put him in hospital on an intravenous drip on Friday night. Edwards will not be able to rejoin the squad until Wednes-day at the earliest and, although his coach, Phil Larder, was

making hopeful noises about him, his chances of playing in a semi-final on Saturday must be in severe doubt. The other principal problem

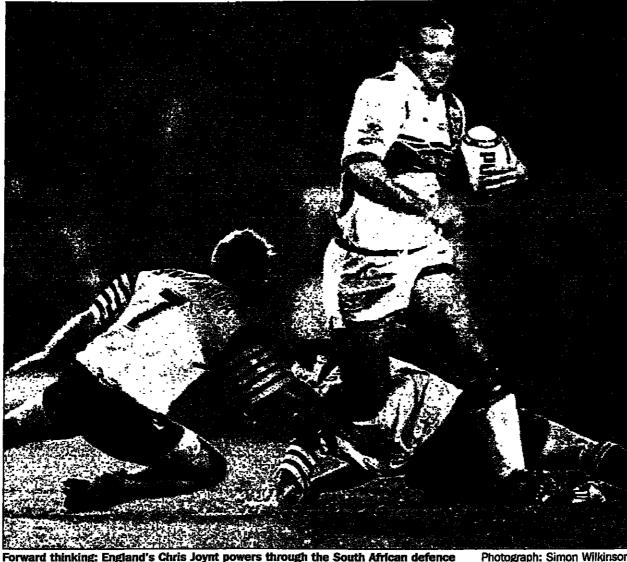
Martin Offiah, who came through a fitness test on his thigh and a full training session with flying colours, but looked a shadow of his true self at Headingley. In a match where he should have had the scent of try every time he got the ball, Offiah lacked any sharpness or confidence. All very worrying. especially as another winger, John Bentley, limped out of the game with a hamstring injury. Still, as Larder pointed out, England started their Group matches with three objectives to qualify, to win the Group and to finish with the best defensive record. They achieved all three and, in the process, have got the public behind them to an extent

ously touted as a contest. Olisty Fortice dis a Coffeest, Bendery (Haifad, Philosey (Keghley), Mather (Wigan), Offich (Wigan); Powell (Heighley), Goulding (St Helens); Hamison (Haifad), Cassidy (Wigan), Patit (Auckland Warriors), Heughton (Wigan), Joynt (St Helens), Clarke (Sydney Cly Poosters, capt). Substitutes: Radinsold (Wigan) for Bendey, 22; Broadbent (Sheffield) for Hamson, 40; Sampern (Cachiery) for Black 40; Sanki (Castelons)

nicely illustrated by a crowd of

14,041 for a match never seri-

SOUTH AFRICA: Van Wyk (Eastern Reds); Koombe (Durban), Fourie (Devebury), Boshoff (Dewsbury), Balliot (Bey of Pienty); Johnson (Worlengton), Alleena (Barea); Watts, Van De-



# **Australians stretch their legs**

Thoroughly battered as his side had been by Australia, the Fiji coach, Graham Murray, still fancied England to beat his fellow countrymen in the final of the Halifax Centenary World Cup, writes Dave Hadfield.

There are still a couple of obstacles to be cleared, like a semifinal against New Zealand that Australia must negotiate back at Huddersfield on Sunday.

There was nothing in this performance, however, to suggest that they will not be at Wembley on 28 October. Quite how they will line up that day or

was not made much clearer by Saturday's events.

The two wingers who did not play in the defeat by England, Brett Dallas and Robbie O'Davis, both finished with hat-tricks but Fiji's wide defence was so poor that their finishing powers were hardly tested.

Rod Wishart, also their first choice goal-kicker, is expected to be fit to play on one wing next week but, if there is any doubt about him, Bob Fulton would be happy enough to leave Andrew Johns with the kicking job.

Johns, playing in the unfamiliar role of hooker, had a strong all-round game, kicking uine goals from 12 attempts. If he is to hold his place there is indeed against New Zealand, a prospect of both sides going heavy defeats will not derail

into a World Cup semi-final without a hooker between them. For Fiji, a World Cup adventure that started so exhilaratingly against South Africa has ended with a double slap across

the face. They looked close to

worn out on Saturday. Hence Murray's slight leaning towards England. "England's performance against Fiji was better," the Australian-based coach said. "I was very taken by

the way they played the game". England was rather taken with Fiji at first sight, although the country's Rugby League followers are understandably less certain about them now.

Murray predicted, however, that the set-back of their two

them. "They have got plenty of pace and a lot of skill," he said, "there is a lot to work with." AUSTRALIA: Brasher (Sydney Tigen); Delies (Sydney Buildags), Coyne (St George), HW (Man-H), O'Davis (Heunsattis); Fittier (Penyth), Covey (Man-H); Bey (Sydney Buildags), A Johns (Neurostel), Carroll (Man-H), Mercele (Man-H), Lerson (North Sydney), Dymock (Sydney Buildags), Substitutes Manghay, Chimera (Man-H), Lerson (North Sydney), Buildags for Monzes, Sci Kosef (Man-H) for Carnol, Sci M Johns (Neurostel) for Dymock, Sci Kosef (Man-H) for Carnol, Sci M Johns (Penyth), Netarious (Carnol, Manusland (Penyth), Tegs (Ned); Was (Lauthe), Sagasta (N Sydney), Malacinous (Carnol, Manusland (Penyth), Desented (Nath), Representation, Penythn), Desented (Nath), Representation, Special (Nath), Netarious (Nation), Representation, Special

Maurice Lindsay, the World Cup tournament director, has revealed plans for an annual competition, to be called the Oceana Cup, for the southern hemisphere nations.

# Hong s again nt Mant **Bates Bates** steps into the spotlight

like out of the way for a week, the real business of the Halifax Centenary World Cup can get under way.

As far as the true rughy league train-spotter is concerned, the main event starts today, when the Cook Islands play the United States in the first match of the Emerging Nations World Cup at Featherstone.

So, it's goodbye - for now -to Shaun Edwards and Brad Fittler and hello to Robert Balachandran and, double use of names being considered a virtue on the Cooks, to Bates Bates and Tangimetua Tangimetua. The opening fixture sums up

the romance of an event that has been waiting to happen for some time. Rugby league does not have the global coverage that is claimed, somewhat dishonestly, for union. What it does have is plenty of pockets of activity in places which are just about as different from each

other as could be conceived. On the one hand, we have the Cook Islands, population 17,000, with one road, a clockwise bus, an anti-clockwise bus and a wealth of league players. On the other, countries like

the United States and Russia, where Rugby league is a small part of the sporting fabric of a vast nation. Part of the appeal is that, when the Cooks take on the States at Post Office Road tonight, they will be favourites to win. Unlike the World Cup prop-er, which strained credulity by fessionals wanting to use links to qualify for them.

With England, Australia and the Dave Hadfield on the World Cup for the lesser lights

incorporating South Africa at a stage when it would probably still struggle against the Cooks, the Emerging Nations tournament is not short of numbers.

It could have invited Canada, Japan or Italy, all of whom have played competitive rugby league at some level over the past year. Indeed, it is one of the mysteries of centenary year why they did not rope one of them in, so as to complete two groups of four and make the competition look a little neater.

As it is, the Cooks, USA, Russia and Scotland will form one group, with Ireland, Moldova and Morocco in the other, all leading to a final at Gigg Lane, Bury, on 24 October.

The competition will be an odd mixture of exotic stranger - hello again, Mr Bates, or may I just call you Bates? - and familiar figures reclaiming their birthright. Those in the later category include Alan Tait, the Leeds and Great Britain fullback, who has given up the chance of a place with England in that other World Cup in

order to captain Scotland.

That is indicative in the depth of pride involved in representing the game's minnows. Ireland, for instance, were overwhelmed by the number of British professionals wanting to use family

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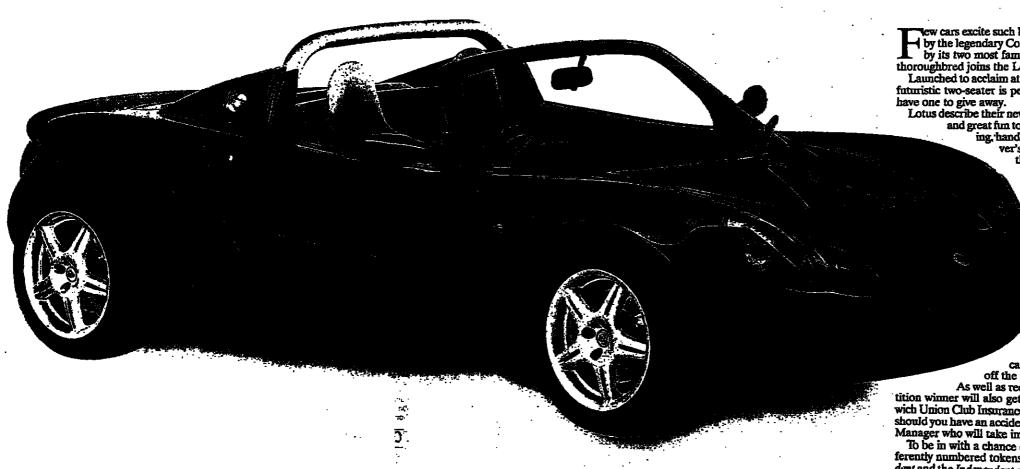
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Crutchley

continues

to find

the net

Bobby Crutchley, the discarded England striker, scored his second successive hat-trick with his new club, Cannock, in their 7-1

victory at home to neighbours Stourport as the Staffordshire

club confirmed last week's form

when they beat Havant 5-0 in

their opening fixture. Paul Ed-wards, Ian Hughes-Rowlands,

Chris Mayer and John Mills

Old Loughtonians netted four

for the second week with a 4-1

win at Havant Ian Morrison scored twice from penalty corners

with Jason Lee and Bill Williams

also getting in on the act. Southgate notched up seven

goals last week and were off to

a cracking start with a goal

from Guy Gisborne after 36 sec-onds against Reading but even-tually lost 4-2 to the Berkshire

side, who are certain to provide

a strong challenge for the title.

half, two well-taken goals by Scott Ashdown gave Reading the lead before Bill Waugh

brought Southgate back on

terms. Tiredness took its toll in

the second half, though, and

goalkeepers Simon Mason and Danny Williams, for South-gate, made a series of fine

saves. First goals for their new club by Mark Pearn and Grant

Edwards secured the points.

Don Williams collected his

first goal since his return to Guildford two minutes into the

second half at Hounslow where,

with Rob Thompson equalising

two minutes later, the teams had

to settle for a draw. Two goals

down at the interval, Barford

Tigers clawed their way back to

beat East Grinstead 4-3 with

Dharminder Singh and Tarsem

the way in the Second Division

with Craig Keegan scoring twice. Dominic Camilleri,

capped for England 10 years ago while with Old Loughtonians, yesterday scored Bhueharts' first National League goal in their

Singh Johal scoring twice. Beeston, with a 5-2 win against Harleston Magpies, lead

In a highly entertaining first-

completed the scoring.

Hockey

BILL COLWILL

RACING: Spectrum launches a Group One double for Peter Chapple-Hyam but a 1996 prospect fails in Paris

# Honour again for Manton

RICHARD EDMONDSON

It was a mixed weekend for Peter Chapple-Hyam and one of the many affluent owners that support his Manton stable, Lord Weinstock

Both trainer and owner had a Saturday to remember when Spectrum, almost ignored despite his persuasive form, won the Champion Stakes at Newmarket.

Like many owners, Lord Weinstock has shoved a lot of money down the grid in his pursuit of success in the sport but few have questioned his finan-

cial acumen until recently. Now the leading figure at GEC is being questioned about his fiscal nous as he reaches a relatively senior shelf of business life. He might reply that his racing decisions seem to be reaching a new level of wisdom.

Chapple-Hyam was having a quiet season by his standards until Spectrum added to his Irish 2,000 Guineas success to make his chesterfield seem a lot more comfortable.

Unlike Lammtarra's abbreviated career, Spectrum will return next season in an effort to prove he is at least as capable at a mile and a half as he has been at 10 furlongs, but he will not be risked on Epsom's undulating terrain where he pulled a muscle while finishing 13th in

the Derby. "He seems to have lost 14 kilos in the race which is more than I expected, but he has got a long time to get over it," Chap-ple-Hyam said. "He will be put

FOLKESTONE

1.15 Academy Of Dance 1.45 Trojan Risk

2.15 Here Comes Risky 2.45 Night Harmony 3.15 Trickledown (nb) 3.45 Bangles 4.15 Strat's Legacy 4.45 It'sthebusiness

M. Course is that W of town off A20, Westenhunger station (service from London, Charlog Cross) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club \$12 (under-16s free); Tattersalis \$8.50. CAR PARK: Free; Course Enclosure \$4, plus \$4 for each occupiest.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Rowlandsons Charm (visored) (1.45); Shot The Sheriff (2.15); Toe Tappin Music (2.45); Spoc-tacle Jim (visored), Balanco Of Power (3.45).

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Trickle-lown (3.15) has been sett 308 miles by M Wane from Melsonby N Yorks; Ganador (2.16) sent 305 miles by J Berry from Cockertian, Linus, Academy D Dance (1.15), Here Comes Risky (2.15) & Distinctly Footer's (3.15) sent 398 miles by M Johnston from Middlebam, N Yorks.

1.15 WESTENHANGER MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) (DIV I) £4,400 2YO 6f 189yds

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50 TOUCH OF SHOW (30) J Bernett 7 13
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- 1.4 defend - SETTING: 7-2 Selly Girl, 4-1 Baron Husbowsky, 9-2 Academy Of Dance, 8-1 South Pagods, 7-1 Ara Alibi, Brandondile, 12-1 others

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2.15 BIDDENDEN SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,650 added 3YO 6f 189yds

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STALLS: 1m2f and 7f - outside raft; remainder - sta DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 56 & 61 bleh for 77 to 120 Might-hand, undulating course with a run-in of one furlong.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

SIS All races

away now and we will decide what his targets are when next year comes. He will step up to a mile and a half but he will defmitely not run in the Coronation Čup.

'Some haven't believed what I said about Spectrum and people might start making excuses for the others, but I was confident yesterday," he added. "Bahri has never beaten him and Tamure got 71b from him when he beat him.

"It was a marvellous day. I always believed he was special and he proved it. This is a serious

racehorse. The glasses must have been chinking together after Chap-ple-Hyam collected a second, and even more valuable, Group One prize at San Siro, Milan, yesterday when Court Of Honour won the Gran Premio del Jockey Club Italiano in the colours of Chapple-Hyam's landlord at Manton, Robert

At Longchamp, though, there was disappointment for

Loup Solitaire, the only maiden in a seven-runner field,

scraped home by a short-head

in front of Manninamix, his sta-

ble companion and the warm

favourite. With only about three and a half lengths separating the

whole field there was nothing to suggest that any of the con-tenders would be able to lay a

glove on Albaarth in next year's

2,000 Guineas after his rather

more emphatic success in Fri-

afternoons when he might have

written the results himself as he

collected all three Group races.

The most stinging result for the British came when Poplar Bluff,

owned like Loup Solitaire by Daniel Wildenstein, defeated a

field of 10 that included six chal-

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3.15 LEVY BOARD RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,650 added 270 6f

3.45 HERSTMONCEUX LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,400 added 6f

- 18 declared -SETTING: 6-1 Nordic Mine, 7-2 No Petiers, 8-1 Minnesota Willing, Feb Straffs Legacy, Scolama, 10-1 others

4.45 HARDRES HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 3YO 1m 1f 149yds

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Fabre enjoyed one of those

day's Dewhurst Stakes.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Academy Of Dance (Folkestone 1.15) NB: Mushahid (Pontefract 3.00)

Chapple-Hyam and Sangster when Astor Place, regarded as one of their brightest prospects for next year's Classics, could finish only fifth behind the André Fabre-trained Loup Solitaire in what is arguably France's too event for twoyear-olds, the Grand Criterium.



Spectrum (light colours) strides home from Riyadian (left) and Montjoy (right) in Saturday's Champion Stakes

Photograph: Ed Byrne

lengers from this side of the **Cees teed-up for Festival** Channel, in the Prix de la Forêt. Bin Ajwaad fared best of the British as Pat Eddery con-

jured a terrific run that looked Top Cees, the favourite for Satas though it would take Ben urday's Cesarewitch who stayed on dourly for third place, has an-Hanbury's colt to victory, but Poplar Bluff stuck his neck out again in the shadow of the post other valuable handicap on his agenda, the Coral Cup at the Cheltenham Festival next to secure the £60,000 prize. Alec Wildenstein, the owner's son, patting Fabre firmly on the back, announced ambitious

The five-year-old, beaten a length and a neck behind the Mary Reveley-trained Old Red in the Newmarket marathon, will have a couple of runs over

timber before Cheltenham. "I was very pleased with his run," Mrs Ramsden said. "It's a shame he didn't win, but he's been gelded in the summer and he ran well. A bit more cut in the ground might have helped.

He's an out-and-out stayer, and by stayers' standards he is still a young, fresh horse.
"He'll have a light campaign
over hurdles and when he

comes back he'll have a similar campaign to this year on the Flat, with the Chester Cup his first target." A horse with a more imme-

diate race in sight is Beauchamp King, who is the only horse added to Doncaster's Racing Post Trophy at the supplementary entry stage.
John Dunlop added the colt,

who has won his last three starts, to next Saturday's Group One mile contest at a cost of

£15,000. Beauchamp King is likely to meet the Royal Lodge Stakes winner, Mons, and the Prix de la Salamandre victor. Lord Of Men, at Doncaster. Lake Coniston has come through his pre-Breeders' Cup Sprint test at Lingfield with fly-ing colours. Ridden by Pat Eddery, he handled the turn into

the home straight in a fivefurlong spin designed to prepare him for a similar bend at Belmont Park. "He moved like a dream," Eddery said of the the bend with ease."

July Cup winner's first taste of sand. "We were winging. He took a strong hold but handled FORM GUIDE

MILISHAHID is up against improving colts in Weet-A-Milianta, Prince Of My Heart and Werbrook, but he is yet to run a poor race and narrow defeats by the useful Bonarell, over that the at Statiown and at Goodwood, suggest he will be difficult to best. Prince Of My Heart and the good when Pat Eddery took over at bork 12 days ago. That malden suction form may not amount to much, but he is going the right way and has Eddery on board again. The day after Prince Of My Heart won at bork, Weet-A-Minute won a nursery there. Although his time was slower than Prince Of My Heart's, in a rose run on faster ground, Weet-A-Minute did win easily. Warbrook could not catch Vanishing Point in a mile nursery here lest month but returned to make the most of an easier opening in a 10-fluring maken. Given his staying power, he probably needs a strongly run race at this trip and others could have too much pace. Despite some tell-setsing. Camerotaille seems geruine but she has been found wexterned on the probably needs a strongly run race at this trip and others could have too much

## 1-0 win against Richmond. **Culliford** maintains standards

Sutton Canada Life and Slough made light of the absence of three Great Britain players each to beat Hightown and Doncaster, respectively, in the Premier Division of the Women's National League, writes Bill Colwill.

Clifton, with a 1-0 win at home to Ipswich, retained their two-point lead over Sutton at the top.

Lucy Culliford maintained her run of a goal-a-match for Clifton but it was Lorraine Marsden, the former Hightown midfielder, who stole the

The defending champions, Slough, owed their 1-0 win against Doncaster to a lively performance and a winning goal from Kate White.

England's manager, Jane Swinnerton-Ions, scored both Sutton's goals in their 2-1 win against Hightown where England's coach, Maggie Souyave, was in opposition. Tina Cullen, England's centre forward.

replied for Hightown. In the First Division an Ali Burrows penalty corner shot gave Trojans a 1-0 victory away to Sunderland Bedans to maintain their 100 per cent record while two goals from Kirstin Cardus for Canterbury - away to Blueharts at Hitchin - keeps them in hot pursuit with an in-ferior goal difference.

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES Football

7.30 unless stated FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Wimbledon v West Ham (8.0) . WANDSCOREENS SHELD
SOUTHERN SECTION PRIST ROUND
Peterborough v Northampton (7.45)
FA CUP Third qualifying round second replays Forest Green Roves v Conderford,
UNISOND LEACUE Premier Division; Bishop Auddend v Broton; Hyde Uid v Colwyn Bay
for Drudsfand

GREAT WILLS LEAGUE Premier Division: Taunton v Bernsteple (7.45). PONTRIS LEAGUE First Division: Bischum Provinces Leadure First Division: Begliburin Roues v Movemanpion Warderes; (7.0), Second Division: Leiceser v Barreley (7.0); Manafield v Hut Chy (7.0), Auton Bischrance Committee (7.0); Manafield v Hut Chy (7.0), Auton Bischrance Committee (7.0); First Division: Chelsea v Queen's Park Rangers (7.0) (at Kingssprien); Millwall v Portsmouth (7.0); Swindon v Tottenham (2.0) (at Wilney).

Rugby League HALIFAX EMERGING NATIONS WORLD CUP GROUP A
Cook Islands v United States (6.0) ...
Russia v Scotland (7.45)...
(at Post Office Road, Featherstone)

GROUP B Ireland v Moldova (7.30) Speedway 7.90 unless stated
PREMIER LEAGUE: Exater v Peterbo
Wolverhampton v Micidlesbrough.

Other sports SNOOKER: Sleeda Grand Prix (Sun)

HYPERION 3.30 Arian Spirit 2.00 MISSILE (nap) 2.30 Lady Highfield 3.00 Mushahid 4.00 La Finale

plans for the winner. "We must

be thinking about the Breeder's

Cup Mile or perhaps even the sprint for this improving colt."

favourite, Young Ern, had said

beforehand: "I am bringing a

bag to take home the money.

Young Ern trailed in last.

He looked rather flat after

Simon Dow, the trainer of the

4.30 Squire Corrie GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in places). DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for \$4 and \$6.

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Receptorize is one rule north-west of town on A639. Pomefrat, Monkhill station (regular service from Leeds and Wakefield) is over a rule away. Tunabell station (service from Wakefield) adjoins course. ADMOSSION: Club 512; Paddock 57; Siver Eng 58. CAPARE: Third Eing, car with four occupants 55 plus 51.50 at turnstiles; remainder free.

ELRADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: Mrs J R Ramsien - 30 winners from 164 runners gives a success ratio of 18,3% and a loss to a 51 level stake of 52,51. Mrs M Reveley - 22 winners, 118 runners, 13.6%, -57.55. R Hollinshead - 21 winners, 197 runners, 10.7% - 584.88.

ELRADING JUCKSTER R Railon - 29 winners, 165 rites, 17.6% +5102.38. L Dettori - 25 winners, 119 rides, 21%, +54.78. K Darley - 21 winners, 198 rides, 10.6%, -585.74.

ELINERERED FREST TRIES: Double Vintage (2.00); Curvelace (2.30); Thryy (4.00); Luckon (visored, 4.30).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: Sea Victor (3.30) won at Catterick on Priday LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Curvelace (2.30) has been sent 240 miles by Lady Heries from Anguaring Park, W Sussex. Minshabid (3.00) & Frides (4.00) sent 239 miles by W G M Tunner from Corton Denbain, Somerset.

| 2   | .00     | BROCKADALE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CL<br>added 270 of Penalty Value £2,983 | A35 F) £3,690          |
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| 1   |         | SOWLERS BOY (Boxles Reong) J Quint 8 7                                    |                        |
| 2   |         | DOUBLE VIREINGE (431) (Alan Mann) M Chapman 8 7                           |                        |
| 3   | 6       | LITTLE PILERON (LO) (Richard L Page) T Jones 8 7                          | R Perben 10            |
| 4   | 465000  | MELS BARY (13) (John Roberts (Makelleid)) J L Eyre 8 7                    | 22 طورها R             |
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| 6   | 003000  | ETPEKIE (3) (T Umpleby) N Bycsolt 8 2                                     | 4 رموشتا کے۔۔۔۔۔       |
| 7   | 0       | LADY BANKES (L3) (T Lighthouse) W G M Turner 82                           | C Admission (7) 2      |
| 8   |         | LAID BACK LUCY (Bob Landrey) J.A Harps 8 2                                |                        |
| 9   | 260     | LIA FAIL (40 Most Sweezen R Hollinshead 8.2                               |                        |
| 10  | 6202    | MANDERSELLA (24) Das M.) Welst J. Alebust 8.2                             | T Williams 1/          |
| 11  | U       | PEOPLE DIRECT (20) Poter Bardari K McAuldie 8 2                           | W Tebbett 11           |
| 12  | 40040   | STAPPLY STLLY (19) (Devid Herrest) W Barber 8 2                           |                        |
| 13  | 0       | SWINGLICHE CEEL (15) (T M Jones) T Jones 6 2                              | H Cadado 6             |
| 14  |         | TIME FOR TEA (54) OR M Copy) C Cyper 8 2                                  |                        |
| 15  |         | TINA KULTERINA (LIS) (Teny Roxley) R Champion 8.2                         |                        |
| 16  |         | YUPPY GEL (13) (J P Hacking) Capt J Wilson 82                             |                        |
|     |         | - 18 declared -   |                        |
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18-1 others 1994: Rymer's Rescal 2 8 7 J Forume 7-1 (E Alston) 15 cm

1994: Rymer's Rescal 2 8 7 J Foxume 7-1. (E. Alstan) 15 an FORMS GUIDE.

The form of ARSSSILE's debut race at 'samouth has not worked out badly (fourth, fifth and sixth all won next time) and he was up against a decent filly, Salmis, on his second start at Pollesstone. That was over seven furlongs on soft ground, and alkiesle ging to but on a much laster surface here. However, he was clear of the others at Follesstone and Salmis ran as well as could be expected when chasing home the useful inchrony at Haydock last week. Little Pilights will find this far expiser than his first race — a majden at Asoot where there were planty of big stables represented. A half-brother to Willrack Ferrier, who won takes as a buo-year-old for Jack Berry last; year, Little Pilights will have benefited from the Asoot run. The filless likendamilla, Time For Time, Yuppy Girl and Lin Reil have all done enough to sugest these eran win a little maps her theu wall have to incorre to set the heter of Melalis.

|    | .30     | PACKSADDLE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,40<br>Penalty Value £3,938                                      | Dadded 1.m 2        |
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| 1  |         | MUSEUM (12) (W G Salers) D Micholle 4 9 12.<br>UNIFREDUDICE (12) (SDL Partners) M Harmoond 4 9 6 |                     |
| 2  | 0-60200 | UNPREMIONE (12) (SDL Partners) M Harremond 4 9 6   | II Telebett         |
| 3  | 014040  | NO COMERACKS (21) (D) (Lignel Snowders) E Alston 7 9 4   | K Railto 1          |
| 4  | 00-0045 | SENDMONT (33) (CD) (P Curvingham) J Banks 5 9 3  | 9tack (3) 1         |
| 5  | 540422  | CURTELACE (8) (D) (BP) (P D Savilly Lasty Hernes 5 9 1   |                     |
| 6  | 361275  | PSS/DIETESEE (12) (CD) DAte S D Mantay) Mile M Revoley 690                                       | H Coasorius 1       |
| 7  | 510106  | PRINCE OF SPADES (20) (D) (Supplen Crown) C Cyaer 3 8 13   |                     |
| B  | 500300  | ROSEFEE LODGE (17) (C) (D) Majorey) N Bycroft 9 8 12   | G Carter 1          |
| 9  | 055460  | IMMEUL (30) (C D Barber-Lorger) J Hestherton 3 8 12  | H Keenedy           |
| 10 | 0-02200 | DANCING DESTINY (32) (Mrs P Bastimen) R Bestimen 3 8 10  | Deen McKeone        |
| 11 | 010105  | PINE ESSENCE (USA) (13) (CD) (K Meynoll) J L Eyre 489  | T <b>Williams</b>   |
| 2  | 454060  | SOUTH EASTERN FRED (32) 40) (South Eastern Backreal Pic) H Colleged                              | # 489# Mooner 1     |
| 13 | 240603  | LADY HIGHTELD (6) (3) (May J Mathols) M Ryon 489   |                     |
| 14 | 0-42314 | SHOWART (USA) (23) (05) (BF) (Mes M F D Mortes D Mortey 6 8 9                                    |                     |
| 15 | 002433  | EROUGHTON'S PRICE (7) (87) (Ms. Janet World) J Slover 4 8 7                                      | Ykstode Appleby (7) |
| 18 | 135000  | CHER MAIN SAIN ON COntempter Cooles R Whiteler 5 R 7   | A Colhone           |
| ij | 25000   | OUR MAIN MAN (9) (Chistopher Cooke) R Whiteler 5 8 7   | Charack 1           |
| 18 | 303060  | JERUMANIS 1.09 (23) (D. Journ) / Pickethy 4.8.2  | R Lacaba 1          |
| 19 | - COORD | HORSETRADER (107) (Mrs Diene Baugh) B Baugh 3 8 1  | Loss Wheek (7)      |

14-1 others 1994: Hillan 6 9 2 H Bustimen 4-1 (R Bassman) 19 am FORM GUIDE

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BEAUMONT Inited in Quantiary's race at farmouth a month ago that he retains some of the ability that won him three handicaps over this distance lest season, when he was trained by Jeff Pearce. That farmouth ace was Beaumont's first for Jack Banks and his first since being gaided, and if he can improve a title he must have a chancy on a course that brings out the best in him. Curreletce had Hawkish, Ensity effice, Museum and Lady Highfield behind when second to Almultitation at Redoor two recessage, but whether he can best them again dispends upon how he uses to wearing blinkers for the first time. Hawkish, nan-ining on in tought at Redoor, has Wille Caron on board today, Essayeffsee is from the inform Reveley stable, and Lady Highfield was only inches beinind Curelace in Aljawah's race at Notingham lest. Busday. They all come into the rectioning, while that latest effort looked Museum's best since joining David Notokis and he continues to slip down the handicap. Jeremy Glover's horses ran well at Newmarket on Saturday and his fity Brougiston's Pride must be in with a chance, although she is ridden by an inexperiency apprendix. Quite a few of the others are out of time but this would not be beyond Ne Causebacks at her best. Selection: BSAUMONT.

| E   | 3.00       | TOTE SILVER TANKARD STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £20,000 added 2YO 1m Penaky Value £13,016 |
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| 2   | 53311      | WEEF-A MINIUTE (11) (0) (5) (6) Westeren (Flautage & Storage) (16) R Hollenhead 9 C     |
| 13  | 41000      |   |
| 5   | 00331      | PREMICE OF MY HEART (12) (0) (C.) Hicks B Hills B 11                                    |
| Īδ  |            | W Ryan 1  |
| 6   |            | CRUMENTALIA (16) (D) (Hermonts Stud) Sir Mark Prescott B 6 & Detilete 5 8 declared -    |
|     |            | Machabid, 41 West-A-Maute, Prince of My Heart, 5-1 Westrook, 10-1 Cormentalia.          |
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Melody rises

There was a rare British victory at the French provincial course of Lyon Parilly yesterday. The Lady Herries-trained Taufan's Melody, ridden by Ray Cochrane, took the Listed Prix du Grand Camp over one mile four furiongs by half a length at odds of 7-2, earning £14,371 in the

= 10 declared = BEITING: 3-1 See Victor, 7-2 Arber Spirit, 4-1 New Inn, 5-1 Greek Night Out, 7-1 Moonsians Da 8-1 Alcian Blos, Resissan, 22-1 officer 1994: Attackie 6 9 7 S Copp 5-1 (I. Lungs) 20 can 1994: Attacle 6 9 7 S Copp 5-1 (L Lurgh) 20 ran FORM GUIDE

With Mary Reveley in good form, MOONSHINE DANCER might be the enswar, although rie is still a maiden on the Flat. He finished behind les Eyre's filles, Arlen Spirit and Greek Night Out, when they were first and third in a 20-runner handican here a formight ego but that was only his second outing after a seven-month absence and he could be that with bit first today. Just before finishing third of 20 behind Attacles in the corresponding race 12 months ago, Moonshine Dancer was a close third to Ambuscade on this course. He gloo finished third when Travelling Light won here in the spring of lest year, so the signs are he has what it takes to win one of these Pontefract marginous. See Wictor's 5th penalty for winning at Catterick last friday gives him 10st 11b to carry, but a big weight did not stop Artacles lists year or Puritian two years earlier. See Victor is in good form, as is New Inn., back on the Rat with Wille Carson in the sadde either finishing runner-up two over hundles, the latest lest Wednesday. When Arism Spirit won here a fortright ago, Alcian Blave was bearien 15 lengths, but he is 9th better off and must have needed the run, his first in 10 months. He showed a bit of staying ability as a three-year-old for Reg Holfinshead. Finahman was rusty lest time, in Coleridge's race at Wearwick, and he won over course and distance in June. Selections: MOONSHINE DANCER. 1994: Srane British 2 8 7 G Hind 20-1 (E Weymes) 21 ran FORM GRIDE

Lynda Ramaden has had a successful season, particularly with her Pontefract numers, and Assestual Jame could be the stable's 17th withvar here this year after her second to Roy-accessing the could be the stable's 17th withvar here this year after her second to Roy-accessing the could be the could reply and the fact that she runs in a handleap for the first time, could make all the difference. Her dam had enough stamina to win over Neucoside's stiff seven furlongs as a buo-year-old. Tarry is a possibility, blink-ered for the first time and with Pat Eddery on board, but My Kind gase without the visor she wore when fourth behind Werming Trends at Brighton (7f). La Finele shaped as though at evoud appreciate this thip when second to odds-on Bold Enough at Newcasile, while Saturiba might do better now he steps up from six furlongs to a mile for his first nursery. Selection: FIDDES. 4.30 STAPLETON HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 3YO 5f Penalty Value £4,565 

ing in nurseries since winning over this distance in August and the colts may be too strong Selection: MUSHAHD.

3.30 BLUFF COVE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 2m 2f Penalty Value £3,574

1942: 6.1 Handrich, 7-1 Ledy Highfield, 8-1 Broughton's Pride, Cortainne, 12-1 Europathee, Adal FORM SUIDE.

Squire Corrie is nicely drawn to repeat the front-running testics that poid off when he was bilinkered for the first time at Newmarket last month, with the Newmarket runner-up, Royel Dome, winning twice since, Squire Come will take all the beating. Chadwell Hall was only inches behind Royal Dome at York and should be thereshouts, along with JUCEA, soverth in that York race and a close third to Royal Dome here in Separable. Perface was only a neck away fourth that day. He won under top weight at the Sunday meeting here and cordinues to run well. Staffied and Allgams (basuatie) were unlead to get into the action from an unheight low draw at York last time but both are better placed today. Stuffed might have needed the cuting on that occasion, bearing at mind he had been off for three months, and he likes this test ground. Lockon, who beat Nite-Owl Deserver half a largh here back in August, makes a quick reepopearance after his run behind insider Taider at Cattenck on Saturday, He might be sharpened up by the visor he ween for the first time.

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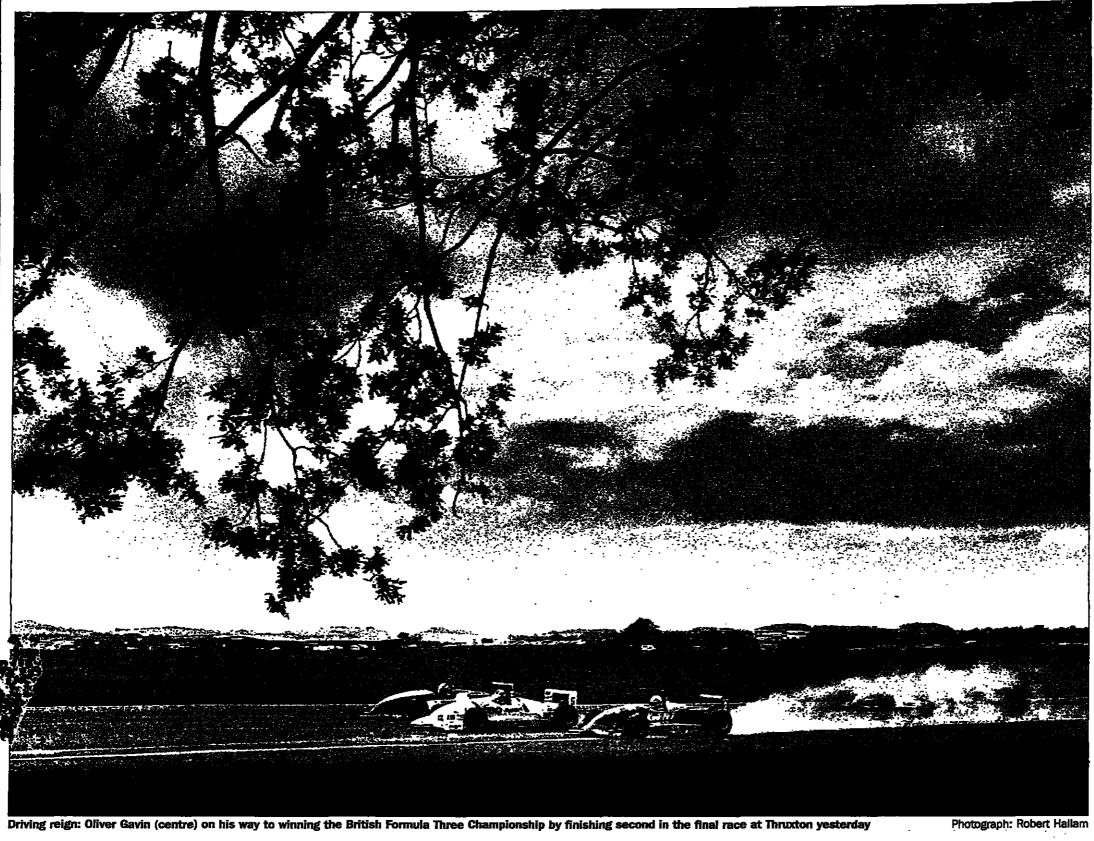
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# A formula for success and acrimony

down the motor racing ranks one vi- both a little less racy. Its drivers fretal lesson has been learned above all others. This is, of course, that no circuit - J J Lehto and the great Ayrevent should take place without a ton Senna are both former champsimmering row before, after or ions, for instance - and they do not preferably both.

The names of Schumacher and Hill were heavy in the air at the

quently graduate to the grand prix come much better at this stage in their lives than Firman and Gavin.

As they arrived on the grid yes-Thruxton circuit yesterday, though terday for the 18th and final time of neither of the grand prix combatants the year they were locked not only They were invoked frequently if of dispute which has been an intereluctantly in reference to Oliver gral part of the grand prix circuit for him several places but the stewards

Whatever else has been passed any attendant blondes are probably Stephen Brenkley witnesses the climax to a contest as bitterly contested as any grand prix

infringement in a race he won. It cost

without any acrimony must have haps not unlike getting Lord's to dehoped it would stay that way. Firman, termine the destination of the Eain. a wonderfully fast racer whose father Clarkson Trophy for county cricket's has manufactured more racing cars second teams in the event of a fallthan anybody else in the world, has out over rates. Since then Firman has been in trouble lately with the au- had two separate endorsements on his thorities. A few races ago he was pelicence for spats out on the circuits,

But if Gavin, who was runner-up no mood to argue with Gavin's two years ago, could finish ahead of right to the title. "We were off the Gavin and Ralph Firman, the young men involved in a gripping climax to the Formula Three season.

Formula Three is a junior sibling of Formula One in that the cars and Formula One in that the cars and Firman was perfectly all right of the course's decision. Gavin's team the grid and Firman, 20, could manage only sixth all who suppose that much several places but the stewards a decade. It overshadowed the race. Upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the place on the course's decision. Gavin's team the place on the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the place on the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team to the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the upheld his appeal against the clerk of the course's decision. Gavin's team to the upheld his app

for most of the way, could make no impression. He knew it was up for him on the first of the 20 laps. The young man who was born to the sport though he has achieved

man, who had led the championship

natural talent, had won six races this season. The number was never going to be increased. 'I did all I could do," he said, de-

from Newcastle. Hughes has been driving rapidly for years without having the deserved patronage necessary to what he has because of abundant open the doors to any Formula One cockpit. He has adopted a neat line in grey humour to help him. As he did not get up before 11 in the morning, he said, there was no point in the ing him up early in the morning.

It was perhaps Hughes' sort of luck that in his moment of triumph at the season's end he was edged out by the rivalry between Gavin and Firman. Gavin even had a better way with spraying the champagne.

Gavin took the podium alongside

the man who actually won yesterday's

race. Warren Hughes, a 28-year-old

## **Donald** takes SA to brink of victory

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Cricket

Allan Donald broke Zimbabwe's resistance by capturing six for 69 with magnificently sustained fast bowling to put South Africa on course for victory in their one-off Test in Harare vesterday.

Zimbabwe, 176 behind on first innings, were 272 for 8 at the close on the third day when they led by 96 with two wickets and two days remaining.

The Warwickshire paceman troubled every batsman on a slow and blameless pitch, varying his pace and bowling. He began the day by removing opener Grant Flower without addition to the overnight total of 13 when an outside edge was held by Brian McMillan at second slip. The left-handers Mark Dek-

ker and Alistair Campbell resisted the four-pronged pace attack for 90 minutes before Campbell holed out to long leg off McMillan for 28.

Dekker perished 50 minutes

after lunch, taken at 65 for 2, when he edged left-arm pace-man Brett Schultz to third slip

The 38-year-old Dave Houghton chose attack as the best form of defence and raced to 30 from 39 balls, hammering five boundaries, until he miscued a Donald bouncer to mid-on. By tea, Zimbabwe were 151 for 4. still 25 runs from avoiding an innings defeat.

However, their captain, Andy Flower, led from the front with a fighting 63 in three and a quarter hours from 114 balls. Together with the all-rounder Guy Whittall, who made 38 from 125 balls, he added 97 for fifth wicket. Yet Donald undid much of the batsmen's good work with a telling spell of four for three in five overs.

Flower edged a vicious lifter to the wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, Whittall was beaten for pace and lbw, Craig Wishart missed a fierce yorker and Heath Streak was magnificently held in the gully by the South African captain, Hansie Cronje. Donald's fifth wicket. that of Wishart, was his 800th in first-class cricket.

(Third day, Zimbabwe won toss) ZIMBABWE - First lenings 170 (H H Streat 53; 8 N Schutz 4-54, A A Donald 3-42). SOUTH AFRICA - First innings 346 (A C Hud-son 135, B M McMillan 98; B Strang 5-101).

(Overnight: 13 for 0) M H Dekker c Hudson b Schultz . G W Flower c McMillian b Donald. A D R Campbell c Schuttz b McMillan D Houghton c Matthews b Donald. C B Wishert b Donald... P A Strang not out...

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## Vourliotis out in the cold

Within a week of playing in the European Championships, England's Pluto Vourliotis is back on the market after being released by a Budweiser League club for the second time in a month, writes Duncan Hooper. Leicester City Riders, lack-

ing height and still with an American slot to fill after releasing the injured Dave Willard, could move quickly for the oft Sin Vourliotis after their 82-65 League defeat at Manchester Giants on Saturday. Vourliotis, thrust into action

in England's defeat against Estonia last week, was released by

the league champions, Sheffield Sharks, at the start of the season when they signed 6ft 10in Jason Crump. Birmingham Bullets snapped up Vourliotis, but he was squeezed out again when they signed the 6ft 9in England international Trevor Gordon. Gordon, playing his first game in six weeks, scored 18

points on his Bullets debut in the 110-66 demolition of Doncaster Panthers at the weekend. The outstanding individual performance came from Chris

Fite, who scored 45 points for London Leopards, including five three-pointers, in their 93-91 overtime victory against Derby Storm on Friday.

## **Indurain fails** to set record

Cycling

There was a rare failure for Miguel Indurain yesterday when his attempt to break eycling's one hour track record flopped in Bogota, Colombia. The Spaniard retired after 31 minutes.

Indurain had set out to regain the record taken away from him last year by Switzerland's Tony Rominger, who rode 53.832km in Bordeaux in October and then bettered the record to 55,291 two weeks later.

Indurain never looked like owertaking Rominger's mark. He was slightly ahead of the pace set by Rominger after the first five laps but then began slipping behind. Indurain's average speed after 15 minutes was 54.040kph, dropping to 53.809 kph after 25 minutes. He | in the first round. eventually retired after 28km which he completed in 31 minutes 16.41 seconds, when he was nearly 50 seconds behind Rominger's pace.

Almost 6,000 fans packed Bogota's velodrome to cheer

## Majoli has more title joy

Iva Majoli, the Croatian teenager, won her second tour title in eight days when she beat Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini in the final of the Filderstadt women's indoor tournament in Germany yesterday. The 18-year-old, who upset

the Australian Open champion. Mary Pierce, to win the European indoor tournament in Zurich last week, defeated third seed Sabatini 6-4, 7-6, taking the. tie-break 7-4. Unfortunately Majoli has pulled out of the Brighton tournament, which begins tomorrow. Clare Wood, the 27-year-old

British player and the only home player in the 28-strong field, has been drawn to play Karina Habsudova of Slovakia

Wood is currently ranked 224 in the world and only made the main draw by virtue of a wild card. Steffi Graf, six-times winner of the tournament, and Jana Novotna, winner for the past two years, are the top seeds and both

AZINECTICS

BUPN GREAT MIDILAND RUN (Coventry): Mest:

1 J Kamule (Ken): 28mm 18sec; 2 A Peerson (Longwood) 28.35; 3 G Stanes (Beigrare) 28.47; 5 D Burke (Ini 29.12; 6 M Jones (Honsoch): 29.09. Women: 1 L McColgan (Dunder Hawkhild) 32.05; 2 K Keshapova (Rus): 33.26; 3 K McCandless (US): 33.35; 4 J Shvelds (Shreifeld): 33.45; 5 H Heasman (Investa): 34.11; 6 T Thompson (Beboock Perseve): 34.59.

PECKNE MARKHHOE: Meer: 1 Menu Santus Thompson (Bebcock Phrave) 34.59. PEISINB MARATHON: Men: 1 Meng Xisnhu (Ch) 27r 16mm 20sec; 2 Hu Gengun (Ch) 216.29; 3 V Kotov (Bels) 2:16.39. Women: 1 Ren Xugum (Ch) 2:30:0; 2 Zheng Gunsa (Ch) 2:33:32; 3 N Galushio (Bels) 2:34:00.

DANESH OPEN (Odesse) Men's final: P-E H-Larsen (Den) bt Hendrawen (Indon) 17-18 17-14 17-16 Women's final: Lim Xiaoging (Swe) bt Warig Chen (Ch) 11-6 11-3.

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7-2 7-4 7-2; P Bennett (Bottmin) bt M Bigs
(Swendon Westleod) 7-6 7-5 2-7 6-7 7-4. Rnet: Harlow bt Helmai 7-2 5-7 7-5 7-3.

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A Smith (Becaucht) pis. 
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HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONISHEP (Momiet): H 
Mosike (Gis., holder) fit G Rocchegiam (Ger) pis.

CHAMPIONS' TROPHY (Sharjah; limited overs autoh): West ladies win by four wickets.  SPORTING DIGEST

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Feitz 1-44 2-109 3-147 4-151, 5-283 6-189. Bowlingt Apib Jewel 8.1-0-41-1; Wagar You-ris 4-9-30-0; Mustrian Ahrmed 10-1-43-1; Mo-hammed Alegam 7-0-35-2; Seplan Mustrian 10-1-42-2. TOUR MATCH (Bounbay; fixed day of three): New Zestand 217 for 8 dec (M I Greatbast h 100) and 192 for 3 (A C Paces 64, 5 V Floring 79no); Bombay 360 (5 V Magnetier 73, V G Nambil 104, A Musunder 53, Masteh dressen.

Nicola Minali, of Italy, captured his first World Cup win in the Paris-Tours race yesterday as Belgium's Johan Museeuw clinched the overall title for the season

Cancred the overall the for the season finishing in 14th.

PARES-TOLIES RACE (Seint-Amoult-en-Tve-lines to Fours, 250km ): 1 N Minsh (f) Shr 45rm, 55sec; 2 A Exhind (Rus); 3 K Extenberg (Ger); 4 J Wenner (Ger); 5 J Caplot (Bel); 6 H Restant (Bel); 7 A Baffi (ft); 8 L Michaelsen (Den); 9 M Bantok (kl); 10 G Missaglis (ft) all sft.

C-Queen-Lifeshipsing (Odio, Norway): 1 Frudo King Darco (I. Philipperts, Bel) clear, 37.74ecc; 2 Wienerwitzel (C-O Negal, Ger) clear, 37.95; 3 Nebevail Dreem (D Lampard, GB) clear, 42.06.

Football The Sparish club, Seville, have fired their Portuguese coach, Toni Oliveira, after Saturday's 3-0 defeat at home to Español which left Seville with six points from eight games. His replacement was named as Juan Carlos Alverez – the coach of Seville's third team.

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AMERICAN EXPRESS TOUR NESTLE FRENCH
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Bowling: Bishop 8-0-2-91; Cummins 9-0-310; Gibson 9-14-72; Simmons 10-1-3-11; Chonderpaul 5-0-2-50; Harper 9-1-2-61. WEST INDRES
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into 67 70 69 67. 274 B Watts (US) 66 68 71 69; N Yuhara. 67 69 68 70. Britain's Laura Davies let silp a three-stroke lead and was beaten in a playoff in the World Championship of Women's Golf in South Korea yesterday, Sweden's Armika Sorenstam forced the play-off and then rolled in a 40-foot chip shot on the first extra hole to win £78,000 from a purse of £318,000 and reinforce her No 1 standing on this year's LPGA earnings fist.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF WOMEN'S GOLF (Chep 16tand, S Ker) Leading final scores (US otherwise stated): 282 A Somensmi Swel 72 69 71 70 van play-off; L Davis (Eng) 67 71 71 71 73 .284 D Moothie 72 68 72 72 .286 P Bradiey 88 70 76 72 .287 M Melon 73 72 71 71; R Jores 67 73 72 75 .288 V Skinner 70 69 77 72 459 19 Final (Span) 74 72 77 73 .289 K Richetter 73 74 73 78 .300 L Oh-soon (S Kor) 72 75 74 3 78 .300 L Oh-soon (S Kor) 72 75 79 74 .301 J M McGarn 76 74 77 74; N Bowen 73 71 79 78.

79 78. Francisco Valera, a 21-year-old from Barcelona, won the UAP Grand Finale Tournament near Lisbon yesterday with a 13-under-partotal of 275. Valey with a 13-under-partotal of 275. Valey elso secured a top 10 place in the order of mortt and therefore a place on the PGA European Tour next year. England's Simon Hurley, Ricky Willison and Stephen Field also won European Tour cards for next year.

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Saturday NATIONAL LEAGUE First Division: Surbiton NATIONAL LEAGUE First Division: Surbiton 4 Indian Gymbhana 0.

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WONEEN'S MEDILAND Premier: Crimson
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Leicaster 0; Piclamick 0 Hampton in Arden 4;
Iammorth 2 Peveril 0.
WONEEN'S NORTH' First Division: Poynton
2 Blockburn 3; Newcastle 3 Carifale 0;
Shaffleid 3 Don Valley 2; York 0 Liverpool 2.
Standings: 1 Blockburn (P4, Ps.12);
Poynton (4-7); 3 York (4-7).

WOMEN'S WEST: Colonii 1 St Austell 2; East Gloucester v Wimborne Wayfarers postponed; Leoninister 1 Bournemouth 1; 18to 1 Redand 3, Standlage: 1 Bournemouth (PS, Pts7); 2 3. Standlage: 1 Bournemouth St Austell (3-6); 3 Yate (4-6). WOMEN'S SOUTH First Division: Hampstead and Wastminster O City of Portsmouth 1: Hendron 2 West Winney 4; Southempton 1 Delwich 1: Winchester 1 Cambelley 1; Windamore Hill O Worthing 0. Standingts: 1 West Winney (P4, Pss); 2 City of Portsmouth (4-9); 3 Duketh (4-9); Windamore Management (4-9); A Duketh (4-9); 3 Duketh (4-9); 4 Duketh (4-9); 5 Duketh

wach (4-8).
TRYSPORTS WOMEN'S THREE COURTES
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Vesterday

NATIONAL LEAGUE First Division: Barford
Tigers 4: East Grinstead 3; Bournette 2 Tro-jans 0; Cannock 7 Stourport 1; Centerbury 2
Hull 0; Heavant 1 Old Loughtomans 4; Hour-stow 1 Guildford 1; Sourhgate 2 Reading 4; Reddington 3 St Albars 2. Second Divisions; Beaston 5 Harleston Maggies 1; Blueharts 1 Redmond 0; Brunley 3 Stough 2; Brooklands 3 Gloucester City 3; City of Portsmouth 3 Ox-ford Univ 1; Crostyn 1 Otion and West War-wick 0; Firebrands 1 Isca 0; Hampsteed and Westminster 5 Doncaster 2; Sheffield 1 Edg-lession 2.

ice hockey NHL: Arahem 4 Buffato 1; Detroit 9 Edmonton Q: Florida 6 Ottawa 2; Washington 3 Colorado

Motorcycling

World Superime Charaptonship (Sentul, Indon) Round 11: First race: 1 C Fogery (GB) Ducat 37mn 16.719sec (ave speed: 99.71mph); 2 T Corser (Aus) Ducat 37:22.104; 3 A Sught (NZ) Honda 37:25.353; 4 A Gobert (Aus) Kawasaki 37:36.290; 5 F Piropano (ht Ducat 37:37.365; 6 M Hale (US) Ducat 37:39.435, Fastast Lapt Corser 1min 28.67/3sec. Second race: 1 Sight 37:06.109 (ave speed:

100.19mph): 2 Corser 37:15.450; 3 P F Chia (6) Ducasi 37:20.660; 4 Gobert 37:22.633; 5 S Crafar (N2) Honda 37:28.540; 6 Propeno 37:29.297. Fastest lega Sight 1:28.517. World championship stand-ings (after 11 of 12 rounds): 1 Fogarty 445pts; 2 Corser 296; 3 Sight 290; 4 Gob-ert 197; 5 Propeno 173; 6 Crafar 160. Fi-nal event: 29 October, Philip Island, Aus.

Motor racing

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+392.1.167; 2 Biels +2.211; 3 Soper
+3.570; 4 Muller +6.554; 5 A Meru (Cz Repi
Rensuft Lagura +13.294; 6 Cacotto
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5 Cocomo 35; 6 Burt 23. Manuficotures: 1
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36; 5 Vauntail 26; 6 Rensuft 23.

Rallying

Motor racing

Railying

A spin on the second special stage of yesterday's section relegated the British driver Richard Burns to fourth place in the Hong Kong-Peking Raily. Sweden's Kernsth Britison has a 21-second lead going into today's leg which covers 347 miles to the city of Chansga. The race, the fifth round of the 1995 Asia Pacific Raily Championship, ends on Friday in Tiananmen Square.

House Roing-Peking Railly Leading positions (after second day): 1 K Erleson (Swe) Missubish 19-38; 3 P Bourne (NZ) Suberu 1:10-54; 4 R Burns (SB) Suberu 1:13:11; 5 Y Fujimoto (Japan) Toyota 1:15:17.

Real tennis

PESIMON DEBIE INVIDENCE HANDICAP DOG-BLES: First semi-final: E Wood and ? Palmer (Flatfield bt. J Diptick and N Clayton (Manchester) 6-3. Second seast-final: J Dus and R MacAlsies (Manchester) bt P Mistin-son and M Grittins (Moreton Moret) 6-3. Fi-pal: Wood and Palmer bt Dune and MacAlfister 6-2.

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17-22 October.

Bred Beven and Emma Camey, of Australia, won the Sydney round of the international World Cup series yesterday. Beven's win in the men's division gave him the series win for the fourth year in a row, having won six of the seven races he has contasted in 1995.

Australia won their second women's World Cup chempionship in Sydney yesterday with an 8-6 victory over the Netherlands. WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP (Sydney) Finals Australia 8 Netherlands 6. Snd/40s place play-off; Hungary 11 Russia 10.

Alexander Karelin, of Russia, won his severate world title yesterday in the 130-längram class at the Greco-Roman world in the 130-längram class at the Greco-Roman world championships in Rome,

WORLD GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING

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leicesta Michael Chang, of the United States, lived up to his top-seeding in the Selko Super Men's Championship in Tokyo yestenday by dismissing the 1.8-year-old Australian Mark Philippoussis 6-3 6-4. Selko Super Men's Championship (Tokyo) Stagles earth-finish M Cheng (US) to H Holm (Swe) 5-7 6-4 6-4; M Philippoussis (Aus) bit H Dresimann (Gen'6 4-4 -6 5-2. Final: Chang bit Philippoussis 6-3 6-4. Doubles seath-finish: J Bridge and Phaerinas (Neth) bit The (US) and 8 Sieven (N2) 4-6 6-1 6-4; I Hassek (Swit) and P McEnno (US) bit A O'Brien (US) and S Solle (Aus) 6-3 4-6 6-3. Final: Bithgit and Haerinas bit Heese and McEnno (T-6 6-4.

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Newcastle - more specifically Rob Andrew - finally expect to

make a big-name announce-

ment this week. But whether

either or both of the Under-

wood brothers will be involved appears to depend on further

talks not only with Newcastle but also with the England wings'

present club, Leicester. Yesterday Tony Underwood

preferred to keep his counsel at his Hertfordshire home, but if

there is a sticking-point it could

be the Rugby Football Union's

STEVE BALE

RUGBY UNION: Quins' championship hopes put in perspective by a side dependent on a Welshman who gets better with age

# Turner is priceless for Sale

fter the trumpery that has passed for high-Level rugby in England thus far this season, it is a con-tradictory sort of pleasure to give praise and thanks to the Welshman who presided over the termination of Harlequins' unbeaten record.

Whether Paul Turner's exquisitely crafted version of rugby is an admonition to the land of his birth or his domicile is a nice point but suffice to say that Sale are deriving a handsome benefit from their play-making player-coach that Wales never did and England never will.

It would be inequitable to suppose Sale's 29-11 victory at Heywood Road was down to Turner, not when Rob Liley was contributing 19 of the points, but on the other hand it is fair to fee! they might well have lost without him. And that makes his continuing presence at a ripe age when others have retreated to the bar or, in some cases, the press box both an asset and a

Sale's own publicity material unkindly gives their outsidehalf as 37, though a yellowing match programme for Wales v England 1989 (Wales won 12-9) makes him two years younger and but for the severity of his new haircut he would not look his age, however advanced. For vears he has had a chronic groin condition. He is indispensable.

Or at any rate as indispensable to Sale as any one man could be, and even put like that it is a problem. Turner is nurturing Rob Liley, brother of Leicester's John, to be his own successor. But after starting the season at stand-off in Turner's absence, the younger Liley was then moved to fullback and on Saturday was stuck out on the wing when Jim Mallinder, the captain, in effect



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pulled rank and himself reverted to full-back.

This is not the way to take a young man's fancy - as Turner. at least 10 years Liley's senior. knows. But league rugby, as this season has balefully shown, is firstly about the here and now and as long as Turner can haul his thirtysomething limbs around the stockbroker suburbs of Manchester, Liley's lot is liable to be frustration.

"The side need an authoritative figure at half-back," Turner explained. "The half-backs have tended to play well only when the side play well, whereas a quality balf-back drags the side through when they're not playing well. But Rob is progressing and is a fine

Point taken. The range of Turner's options, whether passing or kicking, is breathtaking, wider than that of any other outside-half in Europe and even, you could sensibly argue, the entire world. "I can't work myself out sometimes," he said. Imagine, then, how his team-mates cope; if their thought processes matched his, Sale, a good side anyway and substantially underrepresented representatively, would be real contenders.

For now they must rest content with beginning the move away from the First Division's out and were hustled into an un-considered and occasionally danger zone and also, as a over-ambitious style of rugby out



Line in sight: Christian Saverimutto makes the break that led to Dave Bakhwin's try for Sale as they saw off Harlequins

byproduct, with turning Harleins into less viable contenders than they had previously seemed - though afterwards even the most ardent Quin was accepting that their position up there with Bath had never been that realistic after all. They

have dropped to third. We were pleasantly surprised to have won five in a row," said Simon Halliday, the ex-Bath (and Harlequins) centre who has joined Quins' coaching team. Now you know why we were surprised." Specifically, Quins won insufficient ball at the lineof keeping with the pressure they were under.

This is not a complaint - certainly not, when ambition has been stifled at every turn this season - so much as a statement that when Quins, unimpressive in scraping through the preceding games against the lowly Saracens and West Hartlepool, actually had to go out and win a match for themselves they could not do so.

Instead, they went out and lost it big-time. Rob Kitchin's kick was charged down by Dave Baldwin and regathered by Christian Saverimutto, who gave Baldwin a reward for his line-out distinction with Sale's he did not play and was seen to

first try. Later, a David Pears grub-kick stood up conveniently not for a Harlequin for Neil Ashurst who, because the kick had been executed in an unlikely defensive position, found

Quins eventually broke Sale's obdurate defence with Jim Staples's late (too late) try but the point sardonically made by Keith Richardson, the Quins coach, that his team had in fact created all three tries was selfcriticism rather than sour grapes. "To be fair, we got stuffed," he added.

himself in the clear.

And how. This game did more for Will Carling - because be needed - than for any of Harlequins' other England pretenders. Pears, in particular, did not enjoy favourable comparison with Turner and, if Jack Rowell cares to know, the Welshman once said he had grandparents from Warminster,

All right, it's too late now, though Hugo Porta, the great Argentine stand-off, was still playing international rugby at 39. As it happens, Turner is a far steadier and more reliable player - if, praise be, no more predictable - than he was when he was in his pomp back home with Newbridge.

Keith Westwood, Turner's

# continued application of its 120-day stand-down period for transferring players. This is widely expected to be

Photograph: Adam Scott

coach in those distant days,

used to say he knew his man was

about to have a stinker when-

ever he produced some dazzling

trickery at the start, whereas an

early blunder would portend a

blinder. No longer - but he re-

mains, now as then, a prophet

without honour in his own

Sales J Mellinder (capt); R Liey, J Baxendell, G Higginbottom, C Yates; P Yurner, C Saver-mutto; A Yates, S Demond, A Smith, J Fowler D Balchin, D Erskine (A MacFarlane, 60), P Hewitt, N Ashurst.

country.

abandoned at the end of this month and, if it is not, the RFU can expect a legal challenge. Meanwhile Tony's recovery from a knee operation will take at least another six or seven weeks.

The Underwoods are obvious targets for Andrew in his new guise as "the Kevin Keegan of rugby", otherwise known as rugby development director of Newcastle United Sporting Club. They have lifelong connections with the North-east and attended school in Co Durham with Andrew.

Their mother, the noted TV personality Annie, continues to live in Castle Barnard, 50 miles south of Newcastle. Tony recently gave up his job in the City of London, while Rory, England's most-capped player, is a pilot in the Royal Air Force posted temporarily in Cyprus.

Having been knocked back by a succession of players - most publicly, Garath Archer, Martin Corry and Alan Sharp of Bristol and Mick Watson of Harlequins Newcastle have an increasing need for the psychological lift of one or two major signings.

And there is also the practical need to get newcomers regis-tered so that they will be eligible for the Second Division run-in if the 120-day rule persists. Already Graham Childs, the England A centre who joined West Hartlepool from Wasps this season, has diverted north

to Newcastle. The Welsh Rugby Union is to appoint a director of rugby over and above the Wales coach with the task of producing a successful team in time for the 1999 World Cup, which the WRU will host. The union's preferred choice for the £60,000 position is understood to be the former Scotland and Lions coach, Ian McGeechan, who has been Northampton's coaching

director for the past year. Having paid his £9,000 fine and served his 30-day suspension for laying out Derwyn Jones of Wales, Kobus Wiese is back in the South African second row for the Test against Italy on 12 November that precedes their meeting with England at Twickenham six days later. The Springboks have three changes from the team who beat the Welsh in September and field 12 of their World Cup-winning XV. of their World Cup-winning XV.
SOUTH AFRICA (v Italy, Rome, 12 November): A Joubert; J Small (Natal), J Mudder,
H le Rosx (Franswell), C Williams; J Stransly (Western Province), J van der Westenstein
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Wiese (Franswell), Mangreuse (Natal), F Van
Hoerden (Western Province), F Plensar
(Transwell, Rager (Northern Transwell, Replacements: J Ottvier (Northern
Transwell), H Hoelbell (Natal), J Roox, C
Rossouw (Transwell), T van der Lizele
(Western Province), R Straesil (Transwell).

## Robinson roars back into contention for England

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Andy Robinson's huge influence in Bath's record-breaking annihilation of a robust Bristol side looks to have earned him a call-up to England training at Marlow tomorrow - or so the England manager, Jack Rowell, hinted after a scintillating though far from one-sided match.

the day. Bath's team manager, John Hall, called it "the best club match I have ever seen". Rowell said: "Breathtaking. Sensational. That is what English rugby needs. That is the fu-ture of English rugby." And Hall again: "That was the best Bath performance ever."

rare attacks their midfield generally found themselves caught between a rock and a hard ing the No 7 jersey lay among place – Robinson and Jeremy three men, Robinson, Back and

Hyperbole was the order of Guscott's defence. According to Rowell, the former Bath coach of course, Guscott is back to the level he was before he suffered his groin injury. But it was the 31-year-old Robinson who really walked tall in Rowell's eyes.

In the past Rowell has said he wants a big open-side flanker and so Robinson (5ft 9in) and Bristol tried, but on their Neil Back (5ft 10in) looked to be out of it. Recently though, the manager has rejented, sav-

Harlequins' Rory Jenkins. when it looked like flagging, them in 207 meetings between Robinson seems now to have then he was knocking back the two West Country sides. nosed ahead. "It has always been my dream to play for England again," said Robinson, who won the last of his seven caps against Wales in 1989 before being discarded following the disappointing tour of Argentina in 1990.

On Saturday, he was everywhere and he was enjoying himself. If he was not involved getting a Bath attack going, or maintaining an offensive just

Bristol forays around the fringes and through the middle. In the move which led to Mike Catt's a glorious hat-trick of tries before try Robinson and Graham Dawe - who also earned praise from Rowell - linked brilliant-

ly with the backs That try was the middle one of three in as many minutes as Bath cut loose towards the end to run up their second half-centhree games and a record win for

Guscott had shown his teammates the way over the line with anyone else got a touchdown. And all the while the tries -

seven in all - were punctuated by the boot of Jon Callard, who landed three penalties and kicked four conversions. His pacy entries into the line showed that he can be a potent addition tury in the league in their last to the strikeforce, and since Catt was in sublime form at stand-off,

threat to the opposition, England could do worse than pick these two in their club positions to face South Africa next month.

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O Hitton, G Dawe, V Ubogat, M Haag, N Radman, A Robanson, S Ojomoh, B Clarke.

Bristole P Hull (capt); M Denney, J Keyter, D
Wing, X Maggs; M Tainton, N Bucther; A Sharp,
M Regan, D Hinlans, S Shaw, G Archer, R Armstrong, C Barrow, M Coory,
Reference: B Campsalt (Halifaxt).

# Leicester discover that points are the only point

MARTIN JOHNSON

Leicester

When John Liley converted the only try in the closing stages of a dire match, he ran back down the touchline exhorting the crowd to offer more vocal mess as the best game he had encouragement. It was a tribute to the most devoted following in club rugby that there was still poaching. Rob Andrew is about a crowd left for him to wave at. to take his goals to Newcastle,

artless nature is a moot point, although the Courage League in general has become so turgid that John Elliott, the Rugby Football Union's development

seen all season. Leicester's other worry is

Another full house at

home for Swansea

How long Leicester will con- and on the try front, the Un- is serving a two-week suspension about this game is that we that even a prop forward tinue to attract five-figure at- derwood brothers - both sadly tendances with rugby of this unavailable on Saturday - are now on Andrew's shopping list. Ian Smith, Leicester's coach, said: "Loyalty has always been this club's biggest asset, but if large sums of money start to get involved, we're going to have to do whatever it takes to keep our

best players here." One man Smith will not have to fret about is Dean Richards. His captain is a dyed in the fur Tigers' man, although Richards

for giving a little bit too much scored more points than the opfor the cause. The irony of his position. second vellow-card offence was that the touchjudge who fingered the Hinckley PC was a re-

tired police inspector.

Had Richards been available on Saturday, his talismanic presence might possibly have brought some urgency to a pas-sionless performance. Leicester are still the biggest threat to Bath, but, as Smith said on Saturday: "The only satisfying thing

field is mirrored by their recently acquired custom-built training ground, although maybe a return to their old public park across the road might rekindle the days when the likes of Cusworth and Woodward twinkle-toed their way through opposing defences. The old Rec provided toilet facilities to so many stray canines

learned how to sidestep The one player to offer oc-

Leicester's progress off the casional relief to long passages of set piece, maul, fumble, and stoppage was the Leicester full-back. John Liley, whose pace on the counter attack might bave yielded more than the one try - which he set up for right winger, Steve Hackney, in the 70th minute - had the Underwoods been in harness. Liley was successful with six

kicks, but made a complete

porridge of two sitters just af-ter half time. Austin Healey tried to get Orrell's backs going, but it was a rarity when the crowd's decibel level competed with the referee's whistle.

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Leloester: J Liey, S Hadwey, S Poter, I Bates,
A McAdarr, J Harns, A Kardooni, G Rowntree,
C Johnson, D Garforth, M Johnson, M Peole,
J Welfs (200), C Tarbuck, N Back.
Orrell: S Mason J wens (capt), C Tarbuck, N Back.
Orralle S Mason; J Naylor, I Wynn, P Johnson (capt), G Smith; P Hamer (A Pescock, 58), A Healey; P Winstanley, A Moffatt, P Mitchell, S Babby (ff Parr, 76), C Cooper, J Hudley, P Monley, S Hayler.

# Stark reminder for

ROB COLE

The significance of scoring tries to amass bonus points certainly seems to have struck a chord with the Swansea players. This was the third successive

home game in which they had hit the seven-try mark to secure a full house of three bonus points. Infact they went over the top on this occasion, running in eleven tries. made an enormous amount of

There was little indication that such an avalanche of points was likely to materialise when the teams changed ends with the home side 14-6 ahead. The second half, however, turned into a procession as the All Whites helped themselves to more tries.

With the reigning champions, Cardiff, failing to secure any bonus points from their slender victory at Ebbw Vale, and former deague leaders Llanelli securing only one from their home win over Newbridge, this was a highly significant result for Swansea. booming them into fourth place

just five points off the top. But if they are to mount a realistic challenge for what would be a third Heineken title, they will have to address the probkem of their form away from St

Helens. It is one thing to massacre opposition on home turf, but the title is likely to be won away from home where points are always harder to come by.

What this victory will have done though is instill greater confidence into the Swansea side. Newport had only been beaten once in the league prior to this defeat, yet they never looked likely to end their 19-year run without a triumph at Swansea.

Their pack looked fragile, they lacked conviction and they unforced errors. Swansea punished them unmercilessly every time they dropped the ball and two of the 10 tries after the break were scored from 70 metres out.

One man who inflicted more pain on Newport than any other was Swansea's new back row recruit, Colin Charvis. He scored four tries in all and was ever ready in his support of wave after wave of home attacks.

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low 32 Guidlard and Godalming 7; Stames 22 Southend 15; Sudbury 24 Earing 26; Sut-22 SOUTHING TO SHARE THE CONTROL OF ton On Trant 3 Camp Hill 10; Learnington 7 Wolvestampton 18; Mansfeld 6 Hereford 6; Westeligh 44 Leighton Buzzard 20. North Fred Direston: Bidlington 36 Badford and Bingley 8; Hull Iohians 16 Manchester 24; Macclessed 24 Widnes 0; Middlesbrough and Bengley St. Non-tempera and mean-season. 24; Macclessfeld 24 Widnes D; Middlessbrugh 16 York 13; Tynedsle 27 Huddensfield 15; Wig-ton 28 West Park Bramfloop 20. Sooth-Nitest First Division: Barnstaple 16 Metson 10; Bridgwater and Albion 27 Brit-ham 12; Nasdoury 20 Madertheed 15; Sal-than 20 Sheethorne 10; St. Wes 27 Torquay isbury 29 Sherborne 10; St was 27 Torquey Athletic 3; Taunton 6 Gloucester Old Boys 16.

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## national selectors BILL LETTH

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Edinburgh Academicals Boroughmuir

general tension.

The clubs versus districts power struggle enveloping Scottish rugby is so intense, and the fear of relinquishing power so real, that few should be surprised to find players wrapped up in the

For 40 minutes neither Edinburgh Accies nor Boroughmuir were prepared to give each other an inch as the ball was persistently killed. Th referee, Eddie Murray, could do little other than distribute penalties in a half which produced only three scrums. Predictably it took a penalty try to break the deadlock and set Boroughmuir on their way, but the world's original international ground at Raeburn Place cannot have seen many more ster-

ile and sub-standard encounters. Only a handful of players, including the Boroughmuir scrum-half, Graeme Beveridge, and Academicals' line-out jumper, Scott Murray, rose above the mediocrity while Derek Stark gave a reminder of his finishing power out wide at a time when Scotland will have to replace the injured Craig Joiner against Western Samoa next month.

This is the first season in which leagues in Scotland are being conducted on a home and away basis. But with only eight teams in a division, return fixtures such as Saturday's come round quickly and the whole competition will be wrapped up by November to make way for a district championship which attracts little attention and no television coverage.

Clubs are ready to assert themselves and a meeting last week reaffirmed plans to block districts instead representing Scotland in Europe next season. That way they hope to see more of their crowd pulling players, and as clubs flex their

muscles the Scottish Rugby Union are facing the real possibility of being left to run the national team only, a situation it can be guaranteed they will лоt take lying down. Edinbergir: Try Weier, Conversion Barber, Pennities Hey-Smith (2), Berber, Drop good Hey-Smith, Borougimule: Tries pensity try, Severide, Weisere, Sariq Conversions En-son (3): Pennities Enson (3).

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FOOTBALL: Ball finds solace in his side's performance as Scholes' early strike gives United their fifth consecutive derby victory

# City left behind by history

The dilemma of a Man-cunian parent. "I just do not know what to," said one father - a lapsed Blue. "I cannot get tickets for United. but if I take him to City he'll be cursed with supporting them for

In the event he went to Maine Road and saw City score four, a collector's item indeed. even if it was only against Wycombe Wanderers. But his lad is not convinced, because "all his mates at school support United".

The proudest boast of City

fans - almost their only one these days - is that Mancunians follow City, while United fans are long-distance glory-hunters. Now it appears even that con-solation is in danger. And no wonder. United's

1-0 victory at Old Trafford on Saturday was their fifth derby win in succession. City have now conceded 13 goals since they last beat Peter Schmeichel and have defeated United only once in the last 21 matches. A generation has grown up since City last won at Old Trafford, 21 years ago, when Denis Law's back-heel relegated their hosts. Five of Saturday's team have been born since then, four locals and the Londoner, David Beck-

Unfortunately it was one of those days when youth was inhibited rather than exuberant. Even though the lack of away support had diluted the derby atmosphere, United's cluster of local-born starlets were still infected by the inherent tension of these matches.

City first lost possession within five seconds and when they went behind, to Paul Scholes' fourth-minute header, a nearby voice muttered; "Fetch the abacus". A good book would have been more useful, or a pillow. With United not performing to their usual high standards, and City having to produce one of their best recent performances simply to rise above the mediocre, the match was one of the poorest derbies

Alex Ferguson had noted in the match programme that there would be "no letting any-one off the hook today". How-pink.



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theme later. "The young players did not have the experience to know whether to penetrate or keep possession," he said. "There are a lot of local players who know the importance of these matches, who are just happy to win."

Such a result never seemed in doubt. There remained a significant gap between the sides, if not the gulf that had been anticipated. But the narrow scoreline did lead to growing unease in the all-Red stadium, and Niall Quinn could have levelled twice. He was presented with a clear chance by Gary Pallister's poor control after half an hour but shot wide. He finished just as ineptly 17 minutes later, when the hard-working Garry Fliteroft put him through. This time a weak tap to Peter Schmeichel was all the Irishman could

That was it for City. Although Flitcroft's endeavour and Georgi Kinkladze's thoughtfulness earned plenty of sion, there was no cutting edge. At the back, until they chased the game late on, they were tighter than of late. But they still conceded a bad goal - Richard Edghill's ill-judged attempt to clear Ryan Giggs' corner left Scholes so alone the 5ft 7in striker was actually able to stoop to head in off Keith Curle's chest.

For a long time after that United failed to create any real chances and one began to wonder if the improvement in Andy Cole's all-round game had been at the expense of his goalscoring. He has scored once in eight games this season, a drought serious enough to warkill teams off but promised rant a double-page spread in



Ryan Giggs jinks away from Manchester City's Steve Lomas during Saturday's derby match at Old Trafford

Photograph: Mark Thompson/Allsport

As that spread is printed before the day's football, sod's law would usually dictate that Cole struck a hat-trick. It was certainly a risk to take with City the visitors but, when City left gaps and Cole finally began to find chances, he missed them all. Six good opportunities were wasted in the last half-hour, only one demanding a save from Eike

propensity to run offside as season and their plight is grow- even more upset than him, Pe-United delay the forward ball, ing desperate. In the short- ter Beagrie, who expressed dis- turned to the press box and said fuel the belief that Newcastle term they have lost eight league gust in Ball's direction when of Ferguson: This bloke is the

got the better of January's £7m deal - especially as the makeweight, Keith Gillespie, has scored three goals in five games. However, Cole does appear

to be having an impact on the team, if not the scoresheet. In his eight matches United have scored 18 times; in the five he has missed they have managed iust four goals. That is still more than City

games in succession. Long-term it is 19 years since they won a trophy, 16 since they even qualified for Europe. That may be remedied next season, but only

through the Anglo-Italian Cup. Alan Ball, having admitted the result was fair, took comfort from his team's spirit. But it was small solace. "Even though they were poor we did not have enough to take anything from His poor first touch, and his have managed in the league all it," he admitted. One player was

substituted. Ball sold Beagrie when he was manager at Stoke. Ball still retains a surprising degree of support among City fans, many of whom appear to accept their fate as the consequence of years of poor administration. United, meanwhile, seem to attract fans with terribly short memories. When Scholes, who had suffered from bronchitis during the week, was decision. One spectator then

worst manager in the world, yet you blokes never write it". This after two championships in three years following more than a quarter of a century without. What City would give for a manager who could achieve

Manchester City (4-4-2): immel; Edghil, Curle, Symons, Phelan; Lorres, Fitcroft, Vin-kladze, Beegre Summerbee, 581; Quann (Cre-anoy, 79), Rissier. Refereez R Dikes (Mossiey).

## drop on duellists CLIVE WHITE Queen's Park Rangers Newcastle United

**Sinclair** 

gets the

The return to Loftus Road of Les Ferdinand clearly inspired him to give of his best and lend weight to the view that he might be the next multi-million pound departure from Queen's Park Rangers. As for the promising two-goal Daniele Dichio, he still

has a way to go. Trevor Sinclair was the player who captured the imagina-tion on Saturday, upstaging the duelling No 9s of both teams in a rollicking good match. Displaying as many twists and turns as the game it-self, he led the Newcastle defence, and England new boy John Beresford in particular, a merry dance. If only he could 😤 discover the necessary composure at the end of those slalom runs to deliver the final shot or cross with greater con-

sistency...
"He's easy on the cye, isn't he?" his manager, Ray Wilkins, said. "You see him flying across the surface and you think, 'Christ, what a player' - and then he gives the ball away."

Wilkins was entitled to feel a trifle cynical after his team, who have a penchant for com-mitting hara-kiri in their own front room (four home defeats in five), plunged the blade in yet again, courtesy of Karl Ready's aberrational back-pass. Keith Gillespie was on hand for the second time in the match to take decisive advantage and give lie to the view that, without the finishing of Ferdinand, the League leaders would not be sitting so

As it was, of course, the England striker, controversially left out in the cold in Oslo in midweek but warmly welcomed back here, again hit the target, for the 12th time in 11 matches. But such was the attention paid him by his old mucker. Danny Maddix that, had he not been given the opportunity to beat Maddix for pace in the 55th minute, he would almost certainly have left his old hunting ground a frustrated figure. Are you watching, Terry Venables?" crowed the Magpies. If the England coach had been, his obvious misgivings about the player might have been confirmed by the way Ferdinand struggled against man-marking.

Even so, there is still plenty about his game that would give foreign defenders, as well as domestic ones, cause for concern. It was not just through modesty that young Dichio asked be-forehand that he not be compared with his Rangers predecessor. "Les is the finished article," he said a little generously. However, when it comes to aerial ability, the 6ft 4in Dichio - who is of Italian extraction sizes up pretty impressively, he came within a whisker of a hat-

trick of headers. Asked by an Italian voice what would be the position of new signing Mark Hateley when he is fit in the light of Dichio's seven goals in six games, Wilkins replied with deadpan face: "He won't get a game." Goals: Dichio (45) 1-0; Gillespie (46) 1-1; Ferdinand (55) 1-2; Dichio (67) 2-2; Gillespie 4, 171) 2-3.

# Little problem arising with Milosevic

**PHIL SHAW** 

Aston Villa Chelsea

The body language of the rival benches spoke volumes for two sides who, barring the advent of a Le Tissier or a Shearer, are likely to be thereabouts rather

than there next spring.
In the Villa pen stood Brian
Little and a row of coaching lieutenants and substitutes, straining like caged animals against the wall which is as close to the pitch as they are allowed. Shouting and gesticulating, mentally kicking every ball, the management could not disguise their agitation with a team who had started the afternoon in sec-

A few feet away, Glenn Hoddle and his Chelsea entourage formed an altogether different line. Long before a late and well reclined on their communal pew in such a relaxed way that they might have been sitting on a sofa quaffing wine and settling down to watch Match of the Day.

The difference reflected the disparity in experience be-tween the teams. Villa, with Andy Townsend suspended and Mark Draper tangled up in blue by Eddie Newton, lacked leadership and presence. For Chelsea, Ruud Gullit and Mark Hughes simply oozed authority, inspiring younger colleagues and obviating the need for touchline exhortations or tactical tinkering.

game in the key areas," Little admitted. "They defended well, broke out and scored, and kept worked goal by Dennis Wise their shape well. It was a clasbrought them to their feet, they sic away performance." After four wins in five Pre-

Stamford Bridge.
"The more quality players

miership matches, Chelsea appear to be sitting comfortably rather than the sitting targets of August. Since there was a Coca-Cola Cup defeat by Stoke tucked away during the present run, Hoddle's assertion that they are at last achieving consistency may be premature. However, the £2.3m capture of Dan Petrescu is a sign that a relaxed posture should not be mistaken for resting on laurels at

"I thought they bossed the tency," Hoddle said. "We left six may have to address if Chelsea players at the training ground who could have figured in this game, which bodes well for the future of the club."

Hoddle singled out Newton, who has not been a regular of late, as Chelsea's best player. Maybe the words "apart from Gullit" went unspoken because the Dutchman's superiority was so obvious. Or perhaps the mere mortals in the side are considered more in need of praise.

Once, bizarrely, Gullit apologised profusely for a rare overpass to, of all people, Paul Furlong, a journeyman striker who is struggling to justify his £2.3m price tag. The question of buying a suitable partner for Hughes – assuming that the you bring in the more you're likely to stamp out inconsis-

are to make a sustained impact. SCOTTISH FOOTBALL Furlong's shortcomings were mirrored in the Villa attack by Savo Milosevic, who is in danger of assuming Tony Cascari-no's old mantle. Little is insistent that his £3.5m Serb must have time to adjust, but a tough autumn schedule which includes Arsenal away on Saturday means that decision time is approaching. Can he afford to wait for Milosevic to come

good? And if the answer is no,

can Villa afford another record

fee to replace him? Tee to repriace nim;

South Was (73) 0-1.

Aston Villa (3-5-2): Bosnich; Eniogu, McGrath,
Southgate; Charles, Taylor, Draper, Staunton
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Johnsen; Burley, Wise, Newton, Pescock, Myers; Hughas, Furlong, Sathatibates not used:
Hall, Sain, Histhoock (gd.).
Referee: S Dunn (Bristot).

## Baggio dismissive of Rangers' chances

Paul Sturrock, the St Johnstone manager, was able to go home yesterday after spending the night in a Dundee coronary care unit, writes David McKinney. Sturrock was rushed to hos-

pital on Saturday after collapsing in the Tannadice dug-out with chest pains as he watched his side lose 2-1 to his former team, Dundee United. Doctors were able to tell him he had not suffered a heart attack. This week Scotland's three

European representatives face difficult matches with Rangers (4-0 winners at Partick) travelling to Turin for a Champions' League match against Juventus.

"Rangers are missing certain el-ements and that should make it easy for Juve," the former Juventus player, Roberto Baggio, has said.

Those missing elements in-clude Paul Gascoigne, Alan McLaren, Ian Ferguson and Brian Laudrup, while Oleg Saleuko is struggling to overcome a thigh injury. Celtic again demonstrated a

lack of cutting edge in their 2-2 draw with Hibernian, prior to Thursday's Cup-Winners' Cup tie against Paris St-Ger-main. While the minds of Raith had evidently drifted towards tomorrow's Uefa Cup visit of Bayern Munich, Jürgen Klinsmann et al as they fell to a 4-2 defeat at the hands of Hearts.

# Torn off a strip

## In-flight entertainment takes the biscuit for Fry

Birmingham City's cap-tain, Lam Daish, fined two weeks' wages after refusing to accept his relegation Portsmouth, is, in fact, lucky that he missed the game that cost

Centre-back Daish, who was on duty with the Republic of Ireland last week, found himself left out by Birmingham's manager, Barry Fry, in favour of Michael Johnson and Andy Edwards, who were impressive as City won 1-0 at Perugia in the Anglo-Ital-

But the chosen pair earned their reward at a price - City's ex-cursion into Europe included two and a half hours on the runway at Birmingham waiting to take off, a three-hour coach journey from Rome airport to Perugla and four hours to get back after a pile-up blocked the *autostrada* in front of them. What is more, some of the players had skipped breakfast on the outward flight, expecting to be fed on the plane. They were... with two biscuits each.

"Two biscuits!" Fry said. "Two bloody biscuits! I thought we were on Candid Carnera. We were so hungry we had to force the driver to stop at the services on the way to Perugia. We arrived at our hotel there with just enough time to go the toilet and others and

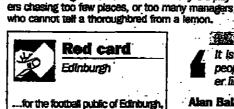
When we got back to Birn-ringham the fans who had been on our plane said they'd had a great time. I realised later why they had had so much extra time at the bar that they were sozzled."

Turn back the clock

since 1971 with an average jobspan of 20 months - although several survived less than half that. Johnny Hart, who took Alan Ball may think his first tar- over from Malcolm Allison in get is to get Manchester City out 1973, was gone in six months, of the bottom three but there is Ron Saunders, who followed another one he might like to con-him, a mere five - but even they sider - to avoid becoming the lasted longer than John Benson, fastest manager through Maine appointed in February, 1983 Road's infamous revolving door, and on his way, after four months, City have had 14 managers by June. Ball was hired in July.

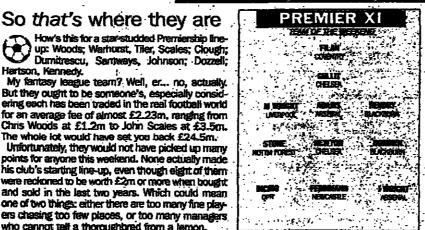
That was the weekend that was So that's where they are How's this for a star-studded Premiership line-

My fantasy league team? Well, er... no, actually. But they ought to be someone's, especially consider ering each has been traded in the real football world for an average fee of almost £2.23m, ranging from Chris Woods at £1.2m to John Scales at £3.5m. The whole lot would have set you back £24.5m. Unfortunately, they would not have picked up many points for anyone this weekend. None actually made his club's starting line-up, even though eight of them were reckoned to be worth £2m or more when bought and sold in the last two years. Which could mean one of two things: either there are too many fine play-



Hartson, Kennedy.

for the football public of Edinburgh, who have been apparently un-moved by the success of Livingston (formerly Meadowbank Thistie) in winning seven of their first nine games in the Scottish Third Division. Only 272 turned up for Saturday's top-of-the-table clash with Brechin City, Livingston's move to their new home cannot come too soon...



It is the bain of a manager's life when you ask

people to mark other players and they hand a head-

Alan Ball, City manager, after Paul Scholes' derby winner

14. The number of goals for United since City last scored in a Manchester derby

22 The number of series partners Birmingham match-winner Steve

er like this on a plate to someone who is 5ft.7in

Idol worship for the idle

Posters, videos, memorabilia – desperate Cantona addicts have plenty to satisfy their sravings when the Frenchman is not playing. Now they can belp themselves to another fix — an hour's worth of homage to Eric on compact disc. For those who really cannot think of a better way to spend £9.99, Cantona: The Album (Exotica Records; cat. no. Pelé 1000) features songs and soundbites brought to you by such artistes as Ray-mond Bizarre, Red Deville, The Half Time Oranges and Ooh La-La, as well as Captain Sensible, once of The Damned, who presumably feels a certain empathy with his idol. Tracks include Eric Please Don't Go, Monsieur Ge-

nius and Cantona Superstar (or should it be Superstore?). Serious bits, such as they are, come from George Best, Pat Crerand, Graeme le Saurand some-



for his typically bonest assessment of his team's win at Loftus Road. "I feet very sorry for Ray Wilkins — I consider him a good friend," he said. "They (Queen's Perk Rangers) never stopped competing and, in the end, lady luck smiled or us. We got more than we possibly de-

the Newcastle United manager.



The latest in our occasional series on hideous kits features this little number from Watford, which suggests that Elton John could be back in charge of wardrobe at

Vicarege Road. The Hornets may be roughing it these days in the First Division, but was it really necessary to give the impression they were rolling around in the dirt with this smudgy bit on the shoulders?

Fact and fiction from

Chris Weddle, reportedly eager to Roberto Ayala, currently on loan out Sheffield Wednesday for from Parma to Napoll.

menagement. move by Kevin Keegan to bring the noses of Cettle.

Jesper Blomqvist from IFK Gothenburg, but is alone in forecasting another Blackburn swoop for Southampton's £1\_5m-rated

winger, Neil Heaney. Graham Taylor's time is running The News of the World says out as Wolves manager, accord- Sheffield Wednesday manager ing to the People, which reports David Pleat has been turned down that the Molineux board cannot in a £3.5m cash bid to persuade weit for banned ex-Arsenal boss Manchester City to part with Uwe George Graham to become available and have switched their attention to former England winger for the Argentinian captain,

Meanwhile, the Sunday Ex-The People echoes the News press claims that Middlesbrough of the World in predicting a £2.5m could steal lan Rush from under

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**Prissie** 

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Weah on

target to

tame

**Juventus** 

Marco Simone and Liberia's

George Weah each struck in the opening stages of yesterday's top-of-the-table match to give

the league leaders, Milan, their first victory - by 2-1 - over Ju-ventus in five years at the San

Siro. It leaves Milan two-points clear of Parma, 1-0 winners over Udinese with a late goal

Roberto Baggio, Dejan Savice-

vic and Demetrio Albertini, were forced to survive a tense finale before a capacity 83,000

crowd after Alessandro Del Piero pulled a goal back in the

At the Olympic Stadium,

Lazio beat Padova 2-0 to move

into third spot on 11 points while Internazionale's new Eng-lish coach, Roy Hodgson, saw his side draw 1-1 away to Ata-

lanta after conceding a late goal. Inter were reduced to 10

men by the 55th minute dis-

The infamous German, Ste-

missal of Marco Delvecchio.

fan Effenberg, scored a spec-

tacular goal on his old hunting

ground to hand the German

league leaders, Bayern Mu-

nich, their first home defeat of

Effenberg, who was sent

home from last year's World

Cup after making an obscene

gesture at the crowd, struck a

superb long-range shot in the

20th minute as Borussia Mon-

chengladbach secured a no-

An own goal from Bayern's

Austrian international, Andreas

Herzog, in the 81st minute

helped the visitors seal their first

triumph in Munich in 30 years.

Bayern, who scored a consola-

tion goal in the last minute

through the French striker Jean-

Pierre Papin, saw their lead in the

Bundesliga cut to three points af-

ter second-placed Borussia

Dortmund, the champions, drew

2-2 at Werder Bremen. After

starting the season with seven

consecutive wins, Bayern have

table 2-1 victory.

the season on Saturday.

81st minute for Juventus.

Milan, who were without

from Alessandro Melli.

EUROPEAN ROUND-UP

# Hignett calm under pressure

Sheffield Wednesday Middlesbrough

Teesside maybe a region in waiting, but Middlesbrough are doing well enough even before the arrival of Juninho. The Brazilian, who is due today, will find his new club in fourth

This is Middlesbrough's sixth successive victory and, ironically, the goal that secured it was scored by the player likely to step down when Juninho's work permit comes through, Craig Hignett. He may be the man whose feet are tapping least to the samba beat but he had sufficient disregard for the pressure on his first-team place to calmly score a penalty, which was just as well as a goal from open play became more remote as the match went on. Even the 68thminute penalty had an element of controversy about it because although Lee Briscoe clearly handled the ball, Wednesday believed there had been a push on Peter Atherton by Steve Vickers earlier in the move. There was also the question of intent.

"It was certainly debatable," David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said. "To intentionally handle you have to have eyes on the ball and he was looking away. His hand went up to proteet him from a challenge from the side. Unless he is very clever

I don't think it was a penalty." It was a frustrating game all round for Wednesday, who deteriorated like the evening light. At first, prompted by Chris Waddle, they stretched the Middlesbrough back five that is as pliable as stone. Later they bounced off this rearguard. Waddle, a tired and slightly forlorn figure on the right wing at the end, whole day.

derfully weighted pass split Middlesbrough's defence and almost allowed Mark Bright a shot at goal. Five minutes before the interval he delivered a cross from the right which float-ed into Boro's six-yard box and Bright should have done better

with his header. In between Mark Pembridge place in the Premiership and six points behind the leaders, Newwhile at the other end Neil Cox deceived Briscoe with a flick of his heel and then was denied

> muted before the interval but a knee injury to Jan Age Fjortoft worked in their favour because the substitute, John Hendrie, was better suited to the quick raids launched by Nick Barmby and Hignett.

> After the goal - the first this season not to be either scored or made by Barmby - Middiesbrough could use Wednes day's urgency for an equaliser. Hendrie had two chances but the closest they came to adding to their lead came after 71 minutes when Cox headed against the bar.

Andy Sinton, in his first

"We had enough possession," Pleat said, "to manoeuvre a scoring chance, but we didn't." It is becoming a familiar story

for Wednesday. Shotfield Wednesday (4-1-3-2): Pressman, Noten, Attentor. Weller, Briscor; Weddle; Pam-bridge, Hyde (Shandar, 75). Strong; Bright, 498. Subetilistic not

dominant figure of the first half. In the 13th minute his won-

only by Kevin Pressman's save. Middlesbrough had been

league start of the season, made frequent inroads on the left but the final ball was not good enough and the only real worry for Middlesbrough was when the former England winger went down in the area under a challenge from Cox. Television evidence suggested the referee's decision to play on was the right



Off the ground: Middlesbrough's Neil Cox gets in a shot against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough yesterday

# Arsenal demonstrate their new image

**GUY HODGSON** 

Leeds United

It is never easy to watch the tenets of life being overturned. Facts are exposed as falsehoods, beliefs dismissed as superstition, pillars of faith are uprooted and demolished. So spare a moment for the bewildered Arsenal supporter.

Gunnerism was simple. For years the creed was to enjoy your team being hated. Absorb pressure and then strike, the later the goal the better. In a perverse way deadly duli 1-0 the North Bank than the days

Arsenal had two functions in life, to invoke universal dislike and to bore.

Which makes Saturday a difficult day to explain away. Arsenal were not just good, they were excellent. Entertaining, too. In fact, short of Newcastle at their Ginola and Beardsley best, it is hard to imagine any other Premiership team surng them on the evidence of this. Change indeed.

This match established Arsenal as 24-carat championship contenders in the same way it blew a huge hole in Leeds hopes of repeating their 1992 success. By comparison to the dizzying switches in play ins were cherished more on before them, the home team, admittedly without the injured when teams were routed. Gary McAllister, looked one

dimensional and laboured. Even Tony Yeboah was anonymous apart from a half chance in the 13th minute that he looped over.

Leeds had one muzzled potential match-winner while Arsenal had three unbridled forces of inspiration in Ian Wright, Dennis Bergkamp and Paul Merson, all of whom scored. By the end the scoreline could have read 0-5 although, to be fair to Leeds, two late headers for Brian Deane might have made it 2-3, too.

The turning point was Merson's goal in the 44th minute. John Lukic made a hash of clearing a back pass and from 35 yards Merson beat his former sult for him." colleague with a low shot that underlined his speed of thought. individualism yet it his

ble in mind and limb to flick in Steve Bould's header 10 minutes after half-time but the pick was Wright's, a chip of such delicate precision Ernie Els would have been delighted to

have executed with his sand wedge at Wentworth yesterday. "It was executed brilliantly," Bruce Rioch, the Arsenal manager said, "an absolute gem. He's a player who can make something out of nothing. Terry Venables has his own opinions about players but if he had Ian in his England squad, even on the bench, he would have someone who can do the

where the move had originated weakened by the thigh injury

unexpected. Maybe pull off a re-

as Forest's back four clam-

bered all over the figure of Chris

He had dispossessed Totten-ham's £4.2m debutant, Ruel

Fox, in the left-back position and

from there the ball was trans-

ferred swiftly up field via Stuart

adjustments. cones; Merson (43) U-1; Sergiamp (55) Wright (85) O-3.
Leeds United (5-3-2); Liric; Kelly, Cour Wetherall, Pemberton, Dorigo; Palmer, Ti (Wallace, 60), Speed; Veboah, Deane, stitutes not used: Whelen, Beesley.

Rioch was extolling Wright's

excites him. They have struck up a tremendous rapport," he said. "In training, during the week, they spend time together. One Wright is louder than the other but they've hit it off." Just as Rioch's team appear to be hitting it off with the neu-

tral. There were still chants of "Boring, boring Arsenal" on Saturday, only this was coming from their own fans. But, then, they are having to make huge ks: Merson (43) 0-1; Benstamo (55) 0-2;

Arsenal (4-4-2): Seaman: Doon, Adams

which prevented Chris Arm-

strong from partnering Teddy Sheringham upfront. Fox, who worked neatly but to little effect

throughout, clearly needs time

to settle. Even when he does.

however, he is not canable of ex-

erting a steady influence upon

a match. For that, Spurs look to

Darren Anderton - whose groin

injury is likely to keep him out

included Fox, Anderton, Arm-

strong and Sheringham, it

would be very exciting," Fran-

The prospect brought only the

faintest of smiles to his face. It

was going to be a long weekend.

"If I could play a team which

for at least another month.

lost their last two games. Unfashionable Metz kept up their surprise start to the French League, beating Bordeaux 2-0 to remain unbeaten in 13 games this season. A goal in each half from the midfielder Jocelyn Blanchard kept Metz three points clear of Lens.

Meanwhile, Atletico Madrid beat Deportivo La Coruña 1-0 to stay two points clear of Barcelona, who beat Athletic Bilbao 4-1, at the head of the Spanish league. After eight matches both

## teams are still unbeaten. TODAY'S

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NUMBER

The goal difference enjoyed by Ajax after nine games of the Dutch football season, following their 3-0 victory over Twente Enschede yesterday. The European Cup holders have now scored 33 goals and conceded none.

## Le Tissier losing his allure

Blackburn Rovers Southamoton

For once, words were unnecessary. Matthew Le Tissier, the man who wants to stay where he is, did not need to spell it out. His performance spoke for him: and the message to potential suitors was clear: do not waste your money.

gifted captain set out deliberately to dampen Jack Walker's enthusiasm, he could not have spring in his step and purpose thusiasm, he could not have been more effective. If the gos-sip is to be believed, Walker rival from Nottingham Porest would happily spend £10m on bringing Le Tissier to Ewood Park but on this showing he might consider 10 pence too much.

Last season, on the same ground, Le Tissier scored a goal to rival any of those in Tony Yeboah's current repertoire, in Nottingham over his cut-

den City

Venables to build England's future around him to deafening levels. But this Le Tissier was the one who slinks around the periphery of the play, shedding his cloak of anonymity only once in a while. The England coach might ask Blackburn for a video, ready for the next time someone

says he is a fool to leave him out. The man of this match, ironically, was a Norwegian, one of our money. those whom England, without It was hardly intentional, of Le Tissier, did not have the craft course, but, had Southampton's to beat in Oslo last week. Lars Bohinen could not have cut a in his stride, Blackburn's new arinvolved himself in everything, offering a clever pass here, a change of direction there quite the variety the champions' midfield has often lacked.

raising the clamour for Terry price transfer nor by the shadow cast over it by the suspended Rune Hauge, Bohinen even managed a debut goal, beading in Stuart Ripley's 19th-minute cross. Scoring was never his forte at Forest, where 64 League appearances brought only seven als, but that may change now.

"He told me how he wanted to play, how he likes to get forward," Ray Harford, his new manager, said afterwards. "That suited us because we have needed to get midfield players into the box, to dislodge defenders, to give them something to think about other than the front players." Bohinen saw to it that Billy McKinlay, Blackburn's £1.75m signing from Dundee United, stayed on the bench. Harford had

nned to swop one new boy for the other in the second half but dared not take Bohinen off. "I'd have been lynched," he said. For different reasons, Dave

Merrington was inclined to leave Le Tissier undisturbed also.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS

"When a gifted player is going through a bad patch, all you can do is say, 'Keep going, keep working at it," the Southampton manager said. Neil Maddi-

son's scrambled late reply was no

consolation to either of them. There is always the chance, in any case, that something special might happen, as it almost did before Blackburn's first goal, when Le Tissier only just failed to beat Tim Flowers from 40 yards. But that it was not his day was underlined when Alan Shearer settled the match with the kind of goal in which his former teammate specialises, a direct free-kick from 25 yards despatched so early that no one, least of all Dave

Beasant, saw it coming. Speaks: Spirinen (159 1-0; Shearer (70) 2-0; Mad-dison (80) 2-1.

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## Spurs caught on the counter MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Tottenham Hotspur Nottingham Forest

Gerry Francis, Tottenham's manager, had already resigned himself to having a bad weekend before he spoke to the scorer of Saturday's goal. But when he heard Steve Stone's cheery admission that the speculative lob which ended Tottenham's run of six consecutive wins had been meant as a cross, bad turned to worse.

If Stone's effort was an accident, it was a sublime one, completing a movement that stood out like an articulated sentence in a muddle of half-ex-

pressed ideas. As Stone received red and

Bell's Scottish League Premier Division

white acclamation from the supporters packed into the corner of the ground directly in front of him, another celebration was occurring at the spot

#### Pearce, Scot Gemmill and Bryan Roy before ending at the feet of the man who had so unexpectedly brightened England's Norwegian outing in midweek. It was classic counter-attacking from

Bart-Williams.

the side which has now gone 22 ames without defeat in the Premiership and, although fortune entered into it, Forest had already earned their luck. After a torpid first half, they raised the tempo to create a succession of chances before Stone

intervened decisively. The omens for an extended Uefa Cup run this season are good. Tottenham still looked less

though they were crucially

than the sum of their parts, al-

Was going to be a long weekend.

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## Gordon's fine finish gives Palace the perfect pick-up

PHIL SHAW

Port Vale Crystal Palace

A fiercely struck goal by Dean Gordon, which makes the fullback his club's joint top scorer with a grand total of three, lifted Crystal Palace to the dizzy heights of 18th in the First Division yesterday at the expense of a Port Vale side who remain rooted in the relegation zone. With 12 minutes of an error-

strewn contest remaining, Gordon swung his left foot at a pass from Damien Matthew 25 yards from goal. The shot seemed to be driven straight at Arjan van Heusden, but the goalkeeper was beaten for pace and could only flap retrospectively as it swerved past him. Van Heusden, recruited from

Dutch amateur football, may also have cause for metal reflection on Palace's first goal, by Dougle Freedman, which looped over him from similar range. Vale deserved their victory. Yet they were merely the better of two ordinary teams, and will need to show further improvement to make the anticipated challenge for promotion. The multi-million pound

turnover in personnel has not on this evidence, left Palace with a squad capable of emulating the immediate return to the Premiership they made after go-ing down in 1993. Moreover, six players, including Gordon, want to leave Selhurst Park, although there was no disputing the dis-sidents' commitment here.

After a soporific opening period, enlivened only by headers from Freedman and Vale's Ray Walker which flashed over the respective crossbars, football broke out shortly after half-time when Palace took a 54th-minute lead. A massive throw-in by David Hopkin was flicked by Gareth Taylor into the path of Freedman. As defenders stood off, the Scot's volley beat Van Heusden from 20 yards.

Vale, whose passing game was soon drew level through Lee as predictable as it was com-Glover, but could muster no re-mendable, pinned their hopes on

A corner by Walker on the hour found Palace in disarray. with both home centre-backs able to put a head on the ball before Lee Glover swivelled to strike from six yards.

Vale briefly scented a first home victory, only for Gordon to leave them facing a long, hard winter. John Rudge, their manager, could not even dart up the tunnel to avoid disgruntled fans, having snapped a tendon in his right knee in training. One of Palace's managerial

triumvirate, Peter Nicholas,

claimed vindication for the tactical ploy of using Freedman, a prolific striker with Barner, just behind the front two. "We tried a new way of playing and just plugged away with it," he said. They were two excellent goals." Steve Coppell, who these days goes by the pretentious title of Director of Football, laughed off the idea that it had been a relegation battle. "We won't be going down - I can guarantee that," he said. "We've

Port Vale (4-4-2): Van Housdon; Hill, Grühne, D Glove, Stoles: McCarity (tables, 65), Porter, Wales, Cuppy, Mile (Mysio, 78), I. Grove, Substitute not unest: Bogé.

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two wingers, Jon McCarthy and sponse to Gordon's winner. Steve Guppy. Neither had the Palace, making their first visit to Vale Park since the days pace or strength to beat his when Terry Venables was manmarker with consistency, and it ager and George Graham strolled in midfield, marginally was unsurprising that the equaliser should stem from a set-piece.

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# Welsh passion conquers the Samoans

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD reports from Swansea

Wales yesterday earned a Halifax Centenary World Cup semifinal meeting with England on an emotionally charged night at a packed Vetch Field.

It was the match it had always promised and threatened to be; the fiercest if far from the fanciest of the tournament. The tally of sin-bins for the whole competition was doubled and there was the World Cup's first serious toe-to-toe fighting. Wales relished the wild, fiery

everything else they threw at them, finishing the sort of convincing winners that would make any side think twice about trying to intimidate them. If they can recapture this mood at Old Trafford on Saturday, there is no saying what they might do.

With Kelvin Skerrett waging war from prop and the rest of the pack following his lead, Wales consistently drove the Samoans back in the early stages. Tia Ropati was sinbinned for preventing a quick play-the-ball and even when Jonathan Davies skewed his penalty wide, it still led indirectly to Wales taking the lead.

flavour of it all, facing up to touch by Wales' tigerish tackling Samoa's war dance and to and, from the resulting scrum, the full-back lestyn Harris came charging into the line, threw one of his perfect sidesteps and slid under the sticks. This time Davies was on the mark, but

missed another penalty. Samoa had far less of the play, but drew level after 19 minutes.

...20 Australia ... ....86 S.Africa ....

Sam Panapa did the damage, dropping off a short pass to send Vila Mataupia thundering over, Schuster adding the goal.

Three minutes later Wales struck again from a scrum. As soon as the ball emerged from the pack Davies was kicking deep down field for Anthony Sullivan on the right wing. Sulli-

World Cup update

magnificently, Davies marking his return to his kicking groove with a good conversion.

Two penalties from Schuster against one from Davies, kept Samoa within four points at half-time, but their discipline let them down badly after the break.

van had too much pace for Not only did they concede far too Bryan Laumatia and scored many penalties, culiminating in many penalties, culminating in Des Maea becoming their second man to spend 10 minutes on the sideline, they also attempted far too many impossible passes, which almost invariably went to ground and allowed Wales to

continue to pile on the pressure.

Maea's high tackle on Alian Bateman, after Davies had put over a drop goal, allowed the Welsh captain the penalty to give his side a seven-point margin. Wales had a scare when Willie

Poching went over their line, but Panapa's pass was clearly forward. The match was made safe in the last five minutes, the calm young Harris slotting over a drop goal while the Samoans were looking for Davies.

On the edge of injury-time, Rowland Phillips, hugely effective as a second-half substitute, got a one-handed pass

away for Ellis to score. The Vetch, and even some of the hundreds locked out, was already on its feet and planning

the route to Old Trafford. Ine rouse to Old Aramorou.

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## A nation starved feasts on a victory

SIMON KELNER

They may be a small nation, living in the shadows cast by giant neighbours, and left behind by the major developments of modern rugby, but Wales showed on a cool, still evening by Swansea Bay yesterday that their rugby glories are not all past.

The Weish masterplan has

worked a treat. After years of under-achievement in international rugby union - including famously, defeat by Western Samoa in the 1991 World Cup - they sent the cream of their talent up north to carn a few quid and develop their skills. They returned home yesterday fitter, stronger, faster and more hungry. The Welsh crowd, starved of success for so long, greeted this victory - even though it was by the representatives of the once-hated professional code - with scenes of

uninhibited joy.

It was a brutal encounter, and such was the ferocity of the game that the scenes by the dug-outs were often reminis-cent of a field hospital. The difference between this game and the one in Cardiff in 1991 was that the bruises were shared equally. The Samoan tackling style - one round the legs, and one round the neck - earned the disapproval of the crowd and the censure of the referee, but the visitors were still given a generous standing ovation at the end.

A capacity crowd of almost 16,000 had been shoehorned into the Vetch Field, forcing the kick-off to be delayed by 15 minutes. This was the third occasion during the World Cup that a kick-off has been delayed, vivid testimony to the competition's

It is only a shame that the BBC have seen fit to give only scant coverage to the tournament; yesterday's game and last Sunday's dramatic match between Tonga and New Zealand were eminently worthy of more than just snatched highlights for a national audience.

The intensely patriotic crowd played a serious part in the pro-ceedings, singing with real passion, lifting their side through a tense period in the second half.

Wales were never likely to shirk the physical challenge and, even though some of their forwards were reduced to walkthey were still capable of inflicting damage

So the Welsh, having settled one score, now move on to Old Trafford for a semi-final with England on Saturday. While Old Trafford is a long way from the Vetch Field, it would not be wise to rule out another uprising.

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# Els digs deepest to retain his title TIM GLOVER reports from Wentworth

Golf

They looked like they could make a useful southern hemisphere second-row pairing and at times they played golf to match the image. In one of the most uninspired finals, Ernie Els beat Steve Elkington yesterday. to win the Toyota World Match Play Championship over the Burma Road for the second year running.

Gripping it was not. Els, who will be 26 tomorrow, won £170,000 after a 2 and 1 victory but he admitted: "I didn't bring my putting stroke with me this week. Still, it was good enough. I don't think either of Langer. On Saturday Elkington us were on top of our games. We was behind the Els-Langer just couldn't produce the shots

we wanted to. Els made his debut in this slow," Elkington said. championship last year when he round. For the most part, the field this year produced house plonk and when Els defends his 100 per cent record here in 12 months' time he will look forward to trading blows with the likes of Ballesteros, Greg Norman and Nick Faldo. They were all sorely missed.

Els' victory moves him from fourth to second in the Sony World Rankings, above Bernhard Langer and Nick Price,

to be No 1," Els said, "but I don't think my game is there yet. I'm still inconsistent." If Els played his best golf against Lee Janzen in the second round. Elkington was on song at the same stage against Colin Mont-

In previous rounds the players barely had time to snatch a sandwich for lunch but yesterday they could have roasted an

gone round in three hours and, because of the television schedule, had time to kill. Another factor was that this time they were not playing behind match which took 4hr 20min. "It's no secret that Bernhard's

Yesterday Els had the upper enjoyed a vintage triumph over hand in the morning, opening Seve Ballesteros in the second up a three-hole lead by the 12th. At the 11th he hit a sand wedge to four feet for a three and at the next employed the same flag for another winning birdie. Els has spent the last month playing social golf in South Africa for a few beers - and all of a sudden he began to play like

> wood into the trees and was forced to concede the hole and

gomerie.

ox and had an after-lunch nap before returning to the first tee in the afternoon. "Perhaps it was too long," Elkington said.
In the morning they had

a weekend golfer. At the 16th he hit a threeat the 17th drove out of bounds.



Out of the wood: Ernie Els on the third hole during his victory over Steve Elkington at Wentworth yesterday

hole with a six to a five. However, he won the 18th - that sand wedge again - holing from club to within three feet of the eight feet whereas Elkington missed from 12 feet.

"The tee shot at 16 was terrible," Els said, "and at the 17th I just wasn't thinking. Those were two really bad swings... feet closed, shoulders open." Nevertheless, he went into a businessman's lunch (two hours) two up so where did that leave Elkington's

the Australian's terse comment after 18 holes. That is exactly how it appeared on the four-word press statement. What did Elkington mean? Perhaps he played like a suet, a sham or even a sudd, which is vegetable matter obstructing

the White Nile. In the afternoon, Els bombarded the pin again, hitting a seven-iron to three feet at the second hole, or 20th, and he also won the next where Elkington yards which nearly hit the flag.

a bogey five. That put Els four up but the gremlins in his game surfaced again and he lost three of the next four holes.

However, Elkington failed to capitalise, taking another bogey five at the 26th where hit twoiron, eight-iron and missed the green. It summed up his day. Els nursed a two-hole lead and mercifully the end came at the 35th where the South African unleashed a two-iron from 245

raise a white flag. "I just didn't three weeks to £230,000 so hit the ball solid," Elkington, the when he complains about a) be-US PGA champion, said. "It was a funny day." Funny peculiar, not funny ha ha. His compensation was £90,000 and perhaps the sponsors were glad to see the back of his Buick sun

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## Triumphant McColgan warms to Olympic marathon theme ago, and was convinced she

could have gone even faster. "I changed my race plan when I heard Klara Kashopo-

va was competing," she ex-plained. "I was told she had a

fairly fast time over the distance

"When I looked around I

couldn't see her so I pressed

formance, it was a tough course

face for much of the time."

**Athletics** 

Liz McColgan swept to victory over 10 kilometres at the Bupa Great Midland Run in Coventry yesterday, and insisted that she still has the appetite and enthusiasm to surpass her outstanding past achievements. The Scot sees her future over

the longer marathon distance

and has set a target of victory in

next year's Olympics. After win-ning four major British races in five weeks, McColgan is convinced she can run even faster. It is a year since McColgan returned to action at the same Coveriny venue after enduring an 18-month lay-off with a steady stream of serious injuries, which

she insists are now history. And winning in 32min 06sec, she said: "I think I can go a lot better over the marathon than I have ever done before." McColgan was 21 seconds

ed the fastest time by a British

woman in Edinburgh a fortnight

The threat from Kashopova never materialised, the Russian champion finishing second in 33min 26sec with Katy Mc-Candless of the United States and Parkside third in 33:36.

first three kilometres.

McColgan, normally extremely self-critical after a race, finally admitted that her training and racing - supervised by the Norwegian distance legend Grete Waitz - was well ahead of schedule. "I didn't expect to run such a fast time today. I've had a heavy week's training, including an 18-mile session on

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Thursday. Honestly, my legs seemed dead before the race," McColgan said. But she contradicted that statement during the race as, running in a 2.000 strong mixed field, her confidence and strength enabled her to finish 29th overall.

this year so I took it easy for the Today McColgan departs for 24 days of altitude training in Mexico City - then she and husahead. I'm pleased with my perband Peter will descend to sea level 10 days before next and the wind was blowing in my month's Tokyo Marathon.

There, McColgan will face world-class opposition and the result will allow her and Waitz to decide whether to repeat the same Mexico build-up for the Olympic Games, or adopt an-

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In the men's race, James Kariuki - brother of the recently reinstated five-times world cross-country champion John Ngugi - was a runaway winner. The Kenyan won in 28:18. Second was Andrew Pearson of Longwood Harriers in 28:35 while the defending champion Gary Staines was third in 28:44.

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> battle (8) DOWN Reserved Eastern object in advance (6) Way to go before general trouble ensues (6) Bird's ring caught in a

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